

## Labour prepared for two years with knife-edge majority

Mr Wilson, returned to power yesterday at the head of a government with a knife-edge majority, immediately made it clear that he intended to govern on that basis for at least two or three years. But, Our Political Editor writes, the likelihood of other parties joining forces with the Conservatives on tactical issues will mean that Labour must operate with the brake on its left-wing demands will have to be curbed. Mr Wilson will spend the weekend at

Chequers, calling a Cabinet meeting on Monday or Tuesday, mainly to discuss the November Budget. As the Prime Minister was making his victory speech to party workers, Mr Heath called on the Government to recognize that 60 per cent of voters rejected its socialist policies. He urged Labour to abandon its divisive proposals. Of his own future, he said he would continue to serve his country to the best of his ability.

## Government forced to rule with brakes on

David Wood  
Political Editor  
Less than 48 hours after the general election of February 28, Mr Wilson's government has returned to Downing Street with a majority of only 30 seats. It is an early return to the House of Commons, but it is a government of a knife-edge majority. The Labour Government has provided two of the three votes in the House of Commons. The other two are provided by the Conservatives and the Liberal Party. The Labour Government has provided two of the three votes in the House of Commons. The other two are provided by the Conservatives and the Liberal Party.

Moderation will have to be the keynote of the Cabinet's day to day decisions, and that will inevitably mean that Mr Wilson's left wingers' demands will have to be curbed. In a time of crisis, with the possibility (as some politicians continue to insist) that the Government will have to act strongly to control inflation and rising unemployment, the strains are likely to become acute. Nevertheless, Mr Wilson made clear yesterday afternoon, when the declarations had confirmed him in power, that he intends to govern on a parliamentary knife-edge for at least two or three years. No politician wants to go back to the country for an early third election.

For whatever has divided us in this keenly fought election campaign, we have all agreed that Britain faces, and has for a considerable time been facing, the gravest economic crisis since the war; and everyone in industry and our wider national family now needs to work together, sharing the effort and abating the burdens of Britain's economic plight. Mr Wilson said that on Monday he would be making a ministerial broadcast expressing to all the people, however they voted, "what is the view of the Government must now be

done to put the country right again and bring us through to real economic security and advance." Mr Heath also went to his party headquarters in Smith Square to thank his workers at Central Office, but he did it privately. His public statement was concise and offered with some reluctance. "There are signs perhaps", he said, "that at least the Labour leadership is realizing exactly how difficult the problems are going to be. Throughout the campaign I called for the unity of the country so that we could face inflation and unemployment together and overcome them. I hope that Labour leadership will recognize that 60 per cent of the voters are against their policies of socialism, and that therefore they will concentrate now on the measures necessary to deal with the crisis; that they will abandon their divisive policies so that the nation together can face up to the future." Asked about the Conservative leadership, Mr Heath replied: "All through my political life I have tried to serve my country to the very best of my ability, and I shall continue to do so. With that, Mr Heath left Central Office for his home in

he electorate continued to be the deep political divisions. The Labour Government commanded only 40 per cent of the total vote. It is an early return to the House of Commons, but it is a government of a knife-edge majority. The Labour Government has provided two of the three votes in the House of Commons. The other two are provided by the Conservatives and the Liberal Party.

He gave two reasons for saying that. First, there was no common denominator between the various parties and groupings that would be facing the Labour Government. "They can unite on nothing", he went on, "and any of them who for fractious purposes unite for the

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Mr and Mrs Wilson outside their home in Lord North Street, London, yesterday.

## The seats that changed hands

Lab gain from C  
Nelson and Colne: Lab majority 669  
February: C majority 177  
Oxford: Lab majority 1,026  
February: C maj, 821  
Rochester and Chatham: Lab majority 2,418  
February: C majority 843  
Rosedale: Lab majority 203  
February: C majority 787  
Bolton, West: Lab majority 906  
February: C majority 603  
Redbridge, Ilford North: Lab majority 778  
February: C majority 285  
Ipswich: Lab majority 1,733  
February: C majority 259  
Birmingham Selly Oak: Lab majority 526  
February: C majority 2,882  
Peterborough: Lab majority 1,848  
February: C majority 22  
Southampton Test: Lab majority 320  
February: C majority 1,403  
Leicester, South: Lab majority 633  
February: C majority 1,766  
Bury and Radcliffe: Lab majority 442  
February: C majority 345  
Bristol North-West: Lab majority 833  
February: C majority 650  
Wetwyn and Hanfield: Lab majority 520  
February: C majority 1,415  
Hemel Hempstead: Lab majority 485  
February: C majority, 187  
Berkwick and East Lothian: Lab majority 2,740  
February: C majority 540  
Lichfield and Tamworth: Lab majority 331  
February: C majority 1,807

## Mr Wilson is unlikely to change a winning team of ministers

From Hugh Noyes  
Liverpool  
Mr Wilson returned to London yesterday from Liverpool convinced that a Labour Government with an overall majority, however small, would be able to govern Britain for its full term of office. He is understood to disagree strongly with the view expressed on television by Mr Robert Mellish, Government Chief Whip, early yesterday morning, that a government with an overall majority in single figures could not soldier on for much longer than a year or 18 months. The Prime Minister believes that in the new Parliament there are unlikely to be any viable opposition groupings capable of forcing another general election at any time. Certainly Mr Wilson's claim that no man in British history has more experience than he has of small majorities would seem to bear out his confidence that the new government will have a lengthy reign. It now seems clear that there will be few if any ministerial changes. As Mr Wilson has made clear, he feels that there is no need to change a winning team. Nor will the Prime Minister bring into the Government anyone, such as union leaders, from outside the ranks of MPs. Although that has been tried in the past, Mr Wilson does not consider such appointments were a success since the outsiders lacked the authority of elected MPs and the experience of Parliament. Perhaps the likeliest of Labour's leading figures to be moved to another senior position would be Mr Mellish, not because of any failings on his part but because of the immense strain placed on chief whips in the parliamentary

A full-page map showing the new political complexion of the country will appear in *The Times* on Monday, when we shall also publish the final table of how the nation voted. The October 1974 edition of *The Times Guide To The House of Commons* will be published in the latter half of November. It will contain biographical details of members and unsuccessful candidates, with photographs of all elected MPs; the main party manifestos in full; and a detailed statistical treatment of the election. Advance orders may be placed now through your bookseller or by writing direct to the Publications Department, *The Times*, 32 Whitehall, London W1A 1AL. *The Times Guide* costs £7.00, plus 30p postage and packing.

positions will be completed at an early date to allow the people to choose within the promised 12 months. There is now every possibility that Mr Healey's autumn budget will be announced early in November. The Prime Minister is known to favour an early rather than a late date. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will next week be receiving progress reports on the work done by the Treasury during the past three weeks on the many matters relating to the proposed economic package on which Mr Healey will want answers before presenting this to Parliament. Only if there were some direct cuts in oil supplies at source would controls be placed on consumption. Mr Healey and Mrs Shirley Williams are also well aware of the liquidity difficulties in many parts of British industry and it is expected that the Budget will help to resolve some of these difficulties. The Government is certainly also introducing sound and help for small firms, not necessarily related to liquidity. Mr Wilson favours some kind of national development agency with regional implications, although details have not yet been worked out or costed. But the immediate priority for Mr Wilson is to catch up on his sleep. He will be spending a quiet weekend at Chequers and is not likely to call the Cabinet together until Tuesday. Most people would now agree with the words of the Prime Minister just before he left Liverpool yesterday: "Perhaps what this country now wants most is a good rest."

## The state of the Parties

	Seats	Gains	Losses	Votes
Labour	319	19	1	11,452,510 (39.5%)
Conservative	276	2	22	10,405,387 (35.9%)
Liberal	12	1	2	5,321,477 (18.3%)
Scottish Nat.	11	4	—	767,585 (2.7%)
Plaid Cymru	3	1	—	166,321 (0.6%)
U. Ulster U.C.	10	—	1	750,036 (2.9%)
Others*	3	1	2	

\*Seats held by The Speaker, Mr G. Fitz (SDLP), Belfast West and Mr F. Maguire (Ind) who took the Fermanagh and South Tyrone from Mr. H. West (UUUC). Losses: Mr D. Taverner (Soc Dem), Lincoln; Mr E. J. Milne (Ind Lab), Blyth

## Party MP says Heath style lacks appeal

Staff Reporter  
Mr Heath, who spent the day yesterday at his home in Wilton Street, Westchester, later drove to Conservative Central Office in Smith Square where he made a five-minute speech of thanks to his party workers. "I will be making my views known about corporate leadership within my parliamentary party. I think Mr Heath should consider the situation and after a decent interval of time—two or three months—the party must review its corporate leadership." There were members of the Shadow Cabinet "who tend to be too much the technocrats and not the sort of people who communicate their sincerity".

Whiteley loyalty: Mr William Whiteley yesterday dismissed any talk of his becoming leader of the Conservative Party. Speaking in Carlisle after his reelection, Mr Whiteley said: "The question of my becoming leader of my party simply does not arise. Ted Heath is leader of the Conservative Party, and to him and the party I remain unwaveringly loyal."



Mr Heath as he left Conservative Central Office in Smith Square yesterday afternoon.

## Explosions in two West id clubs

Three explosions occurred in two clubs last night. The first explosion occurred in the Army and Navy Club, just off Pall Mall. Fire was said to be broken out. The Victory Club is in Seymour Street.

## Judge Sirica completes jury choice and Watergate trial will start on Monday

From Patrick Brogan  
Washington, Oct 11.—A jury has now been selected for the Watergate cover-up trial. The trial itself will begin on Monday. The nine women and three men of the jury, plus alternates, will be sequestered in a hotel near the court until the trial is over, to ensure that they are not influenced by television and newspaper comment on the case, or by the gossip of their friends. This is the provision of the first amendment to the constitution guaranteeing freedom of the press preserved at the expense of the freedom of 18 blameless citizens who will now be locked up for the next three months. There are five defendants left of the original seven. One of the others changed his plea in

a related case to guilty and was let off the Watergate charges, and another won the right to a separate trial. Three of the five were once President Nixon's closest assistants: Mr H. R.aldeman, his chief of staff, Mr John Ehrlichman, his chief domestic adviser, and Mr John Mitchell, his Attorney General. The jury selection process lasted two weeks. As soon as it was completed the court began to examine the problem of the subpoena served on Mr Nixon. Mr Nixon's lawyers argued that the former President was too ill to come to Washington to give evidence at the trial. Judge John Sirica will examine the contention. There is no immediate need for a decision and at any event it need not lead to a postponement of the trial.

## Trade deficit worsens by £57m to £378m

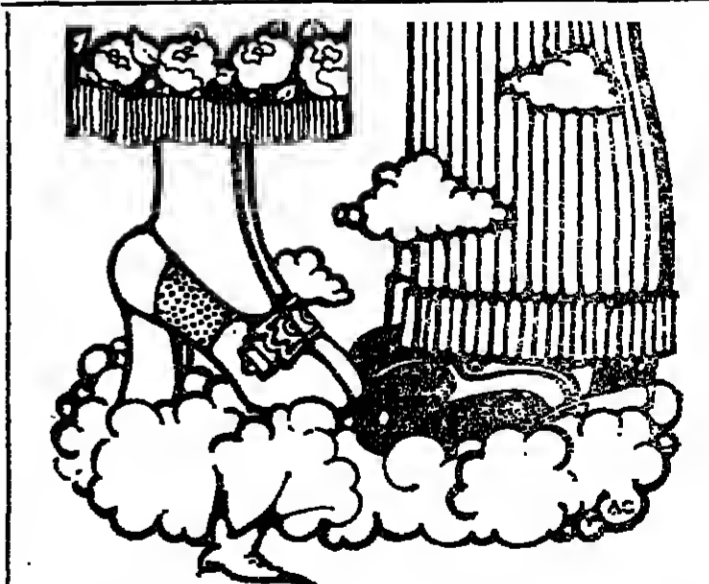
The trade deficit for September, £378m, was close to the expected level. It showed a deterioration of £57m from a revised August figure of £321m. There was a further rise in industrial production in August, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Statistical Office. Details, page 17

## Mrs Ford goes home

Washington, Oct 11.—Mrs Betty Ford, with the President at her side, left hospital today after a major operation for cancer. She has been recovering steadily since her right breast and surrounding tissues were removed on September 28.—UPL

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## Postal 'weighting'

A offer to increase the "weighting" allowance for 10 Inner London Post Offices by £199 to £441 and for 10 Outer London workers by £282, both back-dated April 1, is being put to the for approval. The extra cost would be £27,500,000.

HOME NEWS

Food industry ready to seek price rises and improve its profits

By Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent Food industry leaders representing the entire distribution chain from farm to shop said yesterday that they wanted early meetings with ministers to discuss prices and profits. If their claims are met many foods will become dearer.

Barn case police not to face court action

No criminal proceedings are to be brought against Essex detectives after complaints by George Ince, who was acquitted of murder in the Barn restaurant case in 1972, it was disclosed yesterday.

Proposal for flexible jail terms defended

By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent Sir Kenneth Younger, chairman of the Home Office Advisory Council on the Penal System, has joined the current debate on sentencing policy with a strong defence of flexible sentences of imprisonment to give executive authorities discretion on the time of release.

In brief

Detectives mingle with mourners Detectives mingled with mourners yesterday at the funeral at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, of Mr Paul Craig, who died in the Guildford bomb blasts last Saturday night as he was celebrating his twenty-second birthday.

GENERAL ELECTION Mr West's defeat cuts loyalists' strength

From Robert Fisk Belfast The general election in Northern Ireland cost Mr Harry West, the Unionist leader, his seat in Fermanagh and South Tyrone last night, reducing the "loyalist" membership at Westminster from 11 to 10. It also gave Mr Enoch Powell a seriously decreased Unionist majority in Down, South and allowed Mr Gerard Fitt, the Social Democratic and Labour Party leader, to hold on to Belfast West.

Child-care officer is jailed for assaults

A London child-care officer and two other men were sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to jail terms for offences involving indecent photographs and indecent assault of young boys.

Jail escape foiled as cart jammed

A mass breakout from Brixton prison in a refuse cart in May, 1973, was foiled when the vehicle became jammed under the arch of the prison gates, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Decree for ex-envoy

Sir Anthony Rumbold, aged 63, of Tisbury, Wiltshire, former British Ambassador to Austria, was granted a postal divorce yesterday. Lady Rumbold consented to the decree, granted by Judge Lloyd in London, on a finding that she and her husband had lived apart for more than two years.

Lady Forbes's petition

Lady Forbes, widow of Lord Woolton, son of the wartime Minister of Food, is seeking divorce from Lord Forbes, aged 51, whom she married in 1969.

Typhoid fever case

Health authorities are tracing and checking the contacts of a Pakistani girl, aged four, from Lechworth, Hertfordshire, who has been transferred to an isolation hospital from Lister hospital, Stevinge, with typhoid fever.

Rapist gets 15 years

Michael John Davis, aged 29, a painter, of Gatehouse Road, Witleywood, Bristol, pleaded guilty at Bristol Crown Court yesterday to raping and robbing two women, and was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

Policeman loses claim for redundancy pay

A claim for redundancy pay which could have affected policemen all over Britain failed yesterday at a Manchester industrial tribunal. A policeman claimed compensation after being transferred from one force to another.

Childbirth revolution

Babies can now be delivered to order on a predetermined day and labour can be virtually pain-free. That is the childbirth revolution. But is it the kind of revolution women really want? Tomorrow The Sunday Times publishes the first of two articles taking a critical look at childbirth today.

Occupations of MPs in the new Commons

Table with 4 columns: Occupation, Lab, C, L, Other. Rows include Barristers, Solicitors, Journalists, Public Relations, Teachers, etc.

Educational background

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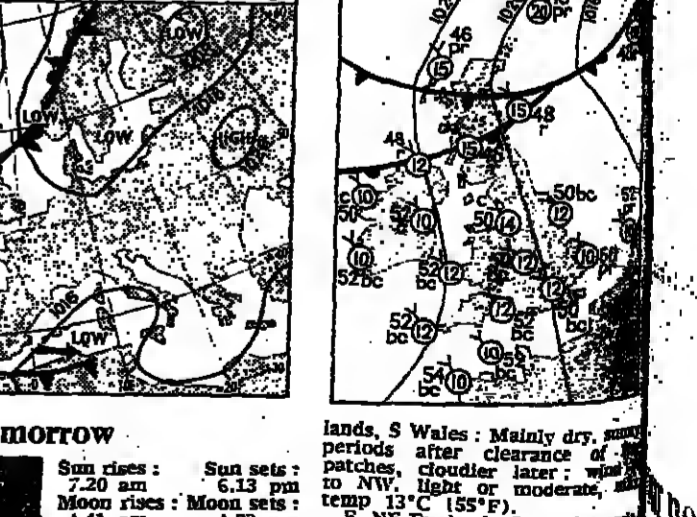
Man who tried to sell badger fined £75

Edwyn Eyre, who saved the life of a baby badger, was fined £75 by Nottingham magistrates yesterday for an offence under an Act passed in January to protect the animal.

Signalman left box to shoot at small boys

Two trains passed an important London signal box while the signalman was outside firing an air pistol at four boys, Mr Evan Stone, for the prosecution, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Weather forecast and recordings



Double murder of parents was 'for greed'

Graham Gales, aged 43, a £3,800-a-year computer expert, was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court, Kent, yesterday to life imprisonment for beating his elderly parents to death with a hammer. He had done it, the court was told, to inherit part of their £86,000 fortune.

Doctor not negligent, judge tells wheelchair man

Mr Justice Thompson in the High Court in Leeds yesterday explained to a man who will never walk again as the result of an operation why on Thursday he dismissed his claim for damages.

Broadmoor investigation by ministry advisers

By David Leigh A team from the Hospital Advisory Service is to spend a month investigating conditions at Broadmoor security hospital before the end of this year.

Work-to-rule at Heathrow stops flights

A work-to-rule by supervisors at Heathrow airport yesterday threatened all British Airways European and domestic flights today.

Boys' death link with record

A suggestion that the Led Zeppelin pop group's record "Gallows Pole" might have induced David Pateman, aged 16, of Eastern Way, Leitchworth, Hertfordshire, to hang himself accidentally in a cupboard at Ickleford school, near Hitchin, on August 27 where he worked as a part-time cleaner was advanced as an inquest at Hitchin yesterday.

Case for more cash and skill in battered baby cases

From Our Correspondent Llandudno The Department of Health and Social Security would not prevent cases such as Maria Colwell's by committees alone, Dr Eric Jones, consultant paediatrician in Coventry and Lushington said yesterday.

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GENERAL ELECTION



Left to right: Miss Helene Middleweek and her husband Martin after capturing Welwyn and Hatfield for Labour; Mr Gwynfor Evans, Plaid Cymru's victor at Carmarthen; Mr John Ryman, Labour's winner at Blyth; Mr Enoch Powell, successful United Ulster Unionist candidate at Down, South; and Mrs Margot MacDonald, defeated Scottish nationalist candidate at Glasgow, Govan.

Brussels partners demand Britain should now make her position in Europe clear

Our Foreign Staff Reactions to Labour's narrow victory in the general election... Brussels: Now that the election is over...

the terms of entry, posed by the Labour Government, could not drag on indefinitely... Bonn: From the point of view of West German keenness to get the European Community out of its paralysed state...

Finance Ministry in 1966. It was a measure for moderation, not for a reckless plunge into Mr Wedgwood Benn's variety of socialism... Rome: Italian socialists hailed the election results as a victory for the Labour Party's economic policies and an encouragement to themselves.

While scrupulously avoiding any comment on the voters' choice of Mr Wilson, Ford Administration officials were obviously pleased Britain had a Government which could take decisive action to curb inflation and deal with other international issues... Copenhagen: The Social-Liberal Politiken said: "Mr Wilson and the other Labour ministers said shockingly little about what they plan to try to do about Britain's crisis."

Mr Milne's questions on campaign

By Martin Huckerby Mr Edward Milne, the Independent Labour MP for Blyth, who lost his seat by a narrow margin to the regular Labour Party candidate, said yesterday that he was questioning legal matters connected with the conduct of the election by the Labour Party... He said his helpers were looking at the amount of money spent by the Labour Party, Transport House and the National Union of Mineworkers in sending paid workers to Blyth and at how this affected the costs of the election campaign for Labour.

Three Plaid Cymru victories reinforce the importance of Welsh politics

From Trevor Fishlock The election of three Plaid Cymru MPs reinforces the importance of the Welsh element in British politics... The loss of Carmarthen to the nationalists was a blow to Labour, but Labour strengthened its position in the industrial areas of south Wales... At his home, on the slopes of the Black Mountain, he quickly got down to business: "No one can say now we are a passing phenomenon. We are here to stay and grow", he said.

Plaid Cymru has still to win a seat from Labour in south Wales, and still only one person in nine votes for the party... However, three Plaid Cymru seats add up to progress. In Caernarvon and Merioneth, the Plaid Cymru candidates, who had built reputations as good constituency MPs, both improved their majorities considerably... Plaid Cymru, never well-off financially, and now very hard people. We naturally agree on matters like social justice. But we utterly reject the centralist thinking behind nationalization.

Wales, for almost a century, has been politically monolithic, first with the Liberals, then with Labour... The results in Wales demonstrated once again that in general elections, when the issue is the government of Britain, Plaid Cymru does not count for much in many constituencies. It does better in stronghold seats in by-elections.

It was moral victory, Mr Mayhew claims

Michael Horsnell The political colours of the election may have paled in parts of the country during the past 24 hours but those of the largest wearer, Mr Stephen Mayhew, appear not to have acquired a lustre... "I am feeling naturally bright partly because I have had no sleep, I think he told me. But he is also a tremendously morale here because we won a moral victory for the Liberal Party in the national context."

Mr Benn confident over nationalization plans

From Pat Healy Bristol Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, was confident yesterday morning that the Labour Party's plan for nationalization would go ahead in spite of the smallness of its parliamentary majority... He insisted that the policy would continue to be part of Labour's programme.

Mr Benn increased his own majority in Bristol, South West, by almost 1,500 votes although he was fighting the campaign without the support of the 1,000 students and miners who turned out for him in February... He added that the reason there had been a swing to Labour throughout the country was that "the people think we are serious and we are".

MPs who were defeated at the polls

The following is a list of former MPs who were defeated in the general election... Conservative: David Waddington (Nelson and Colne); Christopher Woodhouse (Oxford); Mrs Peggy Fenner (Rochester and Chatham); Robert Bray (Rossendale); Robert Redmond (Bristol, West); Thomas Iremonger (Redbridge, Ilford, North); Ernie Mooney (Ipswich); Harold Gurden (Birmingham, Selly Oak); Sir Hamar Nichols (Peterborough); James Hill (Southampton, Test); Tom Boardman (Leicester, South); Michael Piddie (Bury and Radcliffe); Martin McLaren (Bristol, North West); Lord Balmori (Welwyn and Hatfield); James Allason (Hemel Hempstead); Michael Ancram (Berwick and East Lothian); Major-General James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid (Litchfield and Leamworth); Peter Dixon (Truro); Barry Henderson (Dunbartonshire, East); John Bruce-Gardyne (Angus, South); John Brewis (Galloway); Ian MacArthur (Perth and East Perthshire); Liberals: Paul Tyler (Bosham); Dr Michael Winstanley (Hazelton); Labour: Gwynfor Jones (Carmarthen); Soc Dem: Dick Taverne (Lincoln); Liberal (formerly Labour): Mr Chris Mayhew (Bath); Ind Lab: Mr Edward Griffiths (Sheffield, Brightside); Mr Edward Milne (Blyth).

Bookmakers give odds for next time

Ladbrokes yesterday opened their books on the next election while another six results had still to come from Thursday's poll... Labour were favourites to win again at 6 to 4 on, with the Tories evens and the Liberals 100 to 1... Mr Heath was down to a shared fourth place at 10 to 1 while Mrs Margaret Thatcher was 50 to 1.

Peer disappointed Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal and leader of the House of Lords, said yesterday on BBC radio: "I think one must be disappointed that we have not been able to achieve a good working majority in the House of Commons, but I am sure we shall be able to manage."

Queen's holiday

Wilson's win means that Queen can complete her day at Balmoral before returning to London tomorrow... The Liberal spirit in Bath is not reflected in the party's performance throughout the country... Liberals are acutely sad.

Our needed for EEC Parliament

George Clark, Political Correspondent The election result is that the House of Commons will soon be asked to elect four new MPs to represent the United Kingdom at the European Parliament... Mr Peter Kirk, Conservative member for Saffron Walden and leader of the Conservative group, will lead his full team at Strasbourg next Monday and later in the week he will discuss the nomination with Mr Heath.

The Danish MPs in the Conservative group wanted to publish their manifesto in time for their party conference which took place during the British general election... Mrs Fenner, who has special responsibility for consumer protection, had only recently been appointed to the Strasbourg delegation.



Homelessness isn't something that goes away. This year, thousands of people, many of them children are in temporary accommodation because they are homeless. To a large extent these homeless are also without hope. Shelter counsels, fights and works on their behalf. And every year about this time we put our hands out and ask for your direct assistance. This week, October 5-12, is Shelter Week. Through your contribution we can continue our work throughout the year, fighting for better housing, fighting on behalf of the homeless. A lot more families will be housed if you help.

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GENERAL ELECTION

Third parties have some success but no breakthroughs in an election of mixed fortunes

By Geoffrey Smith Political Staff

In a Parliament with such a small overall majority the role of third parties is bound to be collectively all the more important. But for them individually this has been an election of mixed fortunes. The most disappointed are the Liberals.

seats is still a poor return for some 18 per cent of the popular vote. Both the Scottish and Welsh nationalists will have more members in the new House than ever before. Yet neither can feel completely satisfied.

Northern Ireland. But they suffered an embarrassment with the reduced majority that Mr Enoch Powell won in Down South. Whether this will affect his chances of being elected parliamentary leader of the group must be doubtful.

Unions say action must follow victory

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Trade union leaders yesterday gave a warm welcome to the return of Labour, but coupled their political delight with a firm warning that they will keep up the pressure for socialist policies despite the smallness of Mr Wilson's majority.

SNP gains ground at expense of Tories

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh

The Scottish National Party emerged last night as the main opposition party in Scotland after the Conservatives collapsed to several key seats. A nine per cent gain by the Nationalists proved to be the Conservative party's loss.

The Conservatives with a reduced majority, but an early shock to the party was the decision of Sir John Gilmour's 12,500 majority in Fife, East.



"A severe personal shock": Mr Thorpe at Barnstaple yesterday.

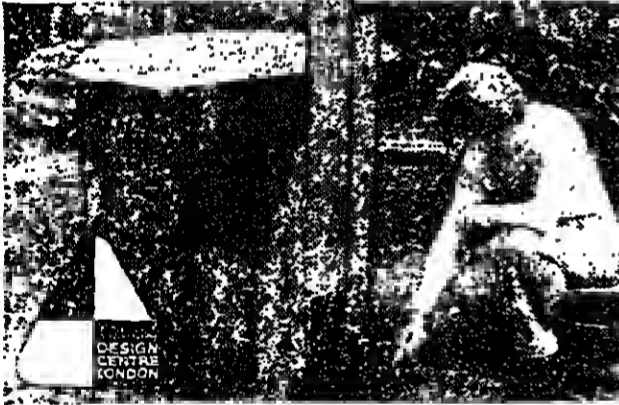
Mr Thorpe seeks the reasons

From Christopher Walker Barnstaple

Not bothering any longer to disguise his bitter disappointment at the election results, Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, wanted no time yesterday in beginning the painful task of analysing in depth the reasons for the failure of his party's most expensive and elaborate campaign.

final breaking of the two-party system failed to convince the electorate. Since his boycraft first put to sea six weeks ago, Mr Thorpe has visited more than a hundred separate constituencies, so the Liberals' failure to make their promised breakthrough came as a severe personal shock.

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Mr Taverne to ponder his future in politics

By Penny Symon

Mr Dick Taverne was viewing the loss of his Lincoln seat with equanimity yesterday, and said that he would decide in due course whether to continue in politics.

'Master of the tightrope' taunt at Mr Wilson

From a Staff Reporter Barnstaple

Mr Thorpe last night warned the Prime Minister that he would face resolute opposition from Liberal MPs if he attempted to introduce legislation designed to satisfy his own left wing rather than unite the country.

He said he was disappointed at the poor showing of the Liberals and of Mr Christopher Jaybe at Barnstaple. He had hoped to see strengthening of the centre, but I think we have seen that there is not much fight in the moderates in the Labour Party.

Labour wants to avoid delay in introducing reflationary package

Continued from page 1. Only then could a new leader be found who could be the inspired voice of the policies. But, in fact, throughout the night, and into yesterday afternoon the first reaction of Conservative politicians was to express their admiration of the judgment Mr Heath had shown in severely limiting the Labour advance in a peculiarly difficult campaign.

He said he had seen no evidence of a ground swell of criticism against the party leader, although all leaders had their doubts. "Mr Heath has had his ever since he became leader of the party, just as Mr Wilson has had."

effectually if Mr Wilson and his economic ministers are not to be driven into wages controls that would once again split the party and bring the Government to an early managerial crisis.

argue that the EEC issue is precisely suitable for the House of Lords to impose a session's delay until the general will of the electorate is more certain.

Little change in Labour Party power balance

By Michael Hatfield Political Staff

The balance of power inside the Parliamentary Labour Party has not changed significantly as a result of the Labour gains in the election.

In brief

Smear claim to be investigated

The Press Council is to go ahead with an inquiry into allegations by Mr Wilson that some newspapers conducted a "smear" campaign against Labour, despite the Prime Minister's decision to give evidence only to the royal commission on the press.

Third time still lucky

Mr Alan Beith won his third marginal victory in a year for the Liberals, holding Berwick upon Tweed, Lord Lambton's former seat, by 73 votes after a record third time he was won after a recount.

First sitting on 22nd

The new Parliament will assemble on October 22 for the election of the Speaker and the commencement of the swearing in of members. It will be opened by the Queen on October 23.

Not in the race

Liberal Gail, owned by Mr Clement Freud, who held the Isle of Ely for the Liberals, was declared a non-runner in a race at Lanark yesterday.

Referendum opposed

Mr John Mackintosh, who took Berwick and East Lothian for Labour, said last night he would not vote for legislation to conduct a referendum on EEC membership.

Front loses all deposits

The National Front, whose street marches and increased number of candidates led to speculation that their influence might be growing, lost all 90 deposits.

The party's best result was in London Hackney South and Shoreditch, where Mr Robin May polled 2,544 votes, representing 9.4 per cent of the poll. There was no significant increase in support.

argue that the EEC issue is precisely suitable for the House of Lords to impose a session's delay until the general will of the electorate is more certain.

One element in Conservative thinking about the election, at least in some quarters, needs noting. There is no reason to doubt that Mr Heath and his principal lieutenants, as well as the Conservative Central Office, want to fight and win. But even before the defeat some Conservative voters argued that it was an election Conservatives would want to lose and wait for a better day.

The rationale was that, with a crisis threatening before the winter is out, a Conservative Government could not avoid involvement in another so-called "confrontation" with the union power.

Therefore, it was better for a Labour Government, now in a crisis, to be in the driving seat of the responsibility and run the risk of electoral ruin.



WEST EUROPE

Homes of Italian generals searched and police officers held in drive against alleged right-wing plotters

From Our Correspondent Rome, Oct 11. Police last night searched the homes of two former Air Force chiefs and informed them that they were under investigation in connexion with an alleged coup plot in December, 1970.

Of its supporters are said to have gathered on the night of December 7, 1970, to march on the Italian radio headquarters and the Interior Ministry in Rome, but were called off at the last moment.

The investigations, which petered out shortly after the event became known, were opened again recently after secret service dossiers on the episode and material on two other alleged coup plots this year were handed over to the magistrature.

Madrid attack on 'phony leftists'

Madrid, Oct 11.—A communist takeover in Spain is likely unless moderates and conservatives join in a national alliance, the newspaper ABC said today.

OVERSEAS



Dr Kissinger at the door of his aircraft, waves goodbye to Egyptian officials before leaving Cairo airport yesterday.

Rockefeller chances hit book deal snag

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Oct 11. Mr Nelson Rockefeller and his advisers are reported to be deeply depressed at the latest developments in his attempt to win congressional confirmation as Vice-President.

The recipients of Rockefeller largesse continue to insist that there was and could be no impropriety. The most lauded was apparently Dr William Ronan, now the unpaid chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, who received \$550,000.

Mrs Tina Niarchos found dead in Paris

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Oct 11. Mrs Stavros Niarchos, aged 47, the wife of the Greek shipping magnate, was found dead yesterday at the home of the Leif Bank. A statement in the press by a spokesman for the family this afternoon said that she had died of a heart attack or of an oedema of the lung.

Gaullist faction stops Giscard reform bills

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Oct 11. After the trade unions and the employers, the Gaullist party is now causing trouble to the Government, whose constitutional reform bills have been rejected in the National Assembly this week.

and in certain circumstances to decide to take up constitutional issue itself. This would have brought it a step closer to a kind of Supreme Court.

France to end nuclear tests in the atmosphere

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Oct 11. The French Government has decided to end nuclear testing in the atmosphere next year.

Machine gun goes off in Kissinger plane

Damascus, Oct 11.—Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, arrived in Damascus today on the second stage of his Middle East peace mission after a brief scare caused by the accidental firing of an Israeli-made machine gun on board his aircraft.

The Boeing 707 was moving towards take-off at Cairo airport this morning and Dr Kissinger was in the rear cabin talking with reporters, when the machine gun used by his bodyguard slipped from its rack and went off firing a single bullet.

Human rights court hears plea by former prisoner

From Our Correspondent Strasbourg, Oct 11. The European Court of Human Rights opened public hearings here today in a case brought against Britain over the rights of convicted prisoners' access to civil courts and the question of interference with a prisoner's correspondence with his lawyer.

Berlin office of Soviet firm 'bugged by British'

Bonn, Oct 11.—The British secret service is believed to have bugged the rooms of a Soviet firm exporting company in the Berlin sector of Berlin in the early 1960s, a West German minister said today.

company's rooms had been monitored by British agents.

Benjamin Britten wins Ravel prize

Paris, Oct 11.—Benjamin Britten, the British composer, was awarded the Maurice Ravel Prize for music today. He will receive 16,000 (£2,500).

Mr Mills stays away from his office

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Oct 11. Mr Wilbur Mills did not appear in his office in the House of Representatives today. His staff said that the entire Mills family was afflicted by "a bug".

as chairman of the House ways and means committee. He faces his electors in Arkansas again next month, and reports from the front suggest that they are not at all pleased that their congressman should keep such a drunken company.

Mayor attacks Mr Ford in Boston schools row

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Oct 11. The clash between white and black communities in Boston over desegregation has now developed into a confrontation between the mayor, Mr Kevin White, and federal and state officials.

schools in black districts or else are bitterly opposed to doing so and therefore boycott them.

Kidnapped youth says parents offer 'laughable'

Nuoro, Sardinia, Oct 11.—A kidnapped Sardinian student as urged his parents in a public letter to be "reasonable" in meeting the ransom demanded by the bandits who abducted him two months ago.

The great beer 'plot' unites Germans

From Dan van der Vat Bonn, Oct 11. The West Germans are preparing to go into battle against the rest of the European Community in defence of their beer.

pected that something on the lines of a "Board for the Protection of the German Brewing Industry Against Bureaucratically Imposed Pollution of Beer (Inc)" would be set up.

Mr Thomson warns EEC on regional policy

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Oct 11. The European Community cannot survive—far less advance—without a successful regional policy, Mr George Thomson, the Commissioner for Regional Affairs, said today.

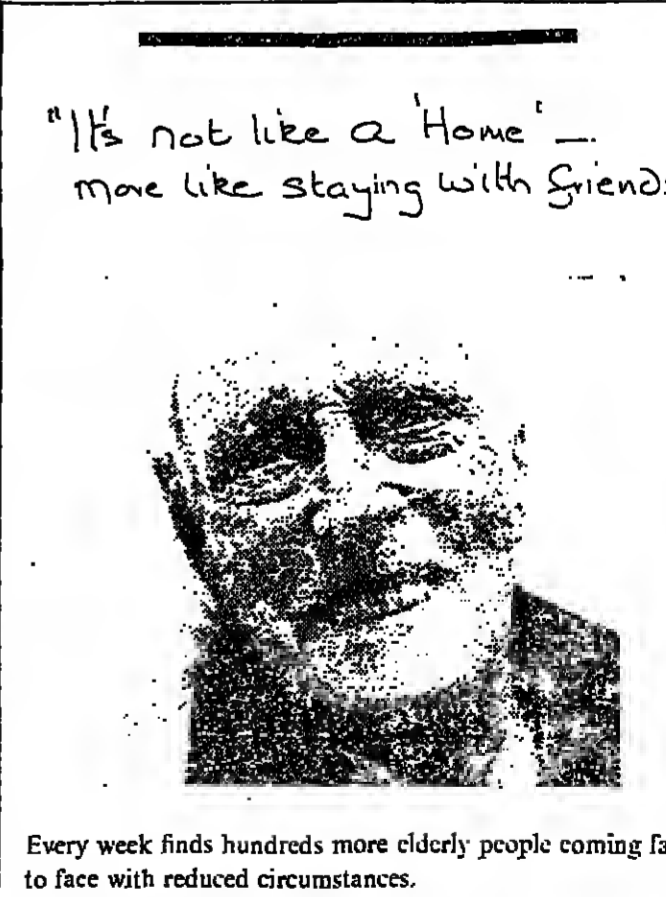
Rhodesia expects Zambian complaint to UN

From Our Correspondent Salisbury, Oct 11. The Rhodesian Government believes that within the next few weeks the Zambian Government will submit to the United Nations a dossier alleging attacks across the Zambezi river by Rhodesian security forces.

pathy in South Africa. The Zambians made their claim earlier this week when a government spokesman in a statement in Lusaka replied to a protest Note sent by the Rhodesian Government complaining over the number of border incidents in the past few weeks.

U S economists on flying visit to Britain

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent Mr William Eberle and a team of United States economic advisers arrived in London yesterday. As a member of the executive committee on economic policy responsible for international questions, Mr Eberle is making a tour of capitals to explain the economic measures announced by President Ford on Tuesday to counter inflation.



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OVERSEAS

Mr Brezhnev comes out strongly in support of the rights of Palestinians to national home

Moscow, Oct 11.—Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, said today that the Middle East could blow up like a powder keg at any moment if a settlement were not negotiated quickly.

Israel, the satisfaction of the just interests of the Arab people of Palestine and its right to a national home," he declared.

Mr Brezhnev assured Arab countries—specifically mentioning Syria, Egypt, Iraq and the Palestine Liberation Organization of the Soviet Union's full support.



The Prince of Wales dancing the hula with a university student during celebrations in Suva to mark the centenary of Fiji's association with Britain.

Bad time for Sato to win Nobel prize

From Peter Huzelhurst Tokyo, Oct 10.—The announcement earlier this week that Mr Eisaku Sato, the former Japanese Prime Minister, had been awarded a Nobel Prize for peace came at an awkward time for the 73-year-old politician who is attempting to clear himself of vague charges of corruption.

Court told of threat to murder prelate

Jerusalem, Oct 11.—The Greek Catholic Archbishop of Jerusalem, Mgr Hilarión Capucci, charged with smuggling guns and explosives for Arab terrorists, alleged in court today that the Israeli security services "threatened to murder me" if he retracted a confession made during the investigation.

Israeli squatters hold out on West Bank

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Oct 11.—Two contingents of Israeli squatters were holding out in the West Bank today, one in the Jordanian desert and another in the West Bank near Jerusalem.

Congress defies President on arms ban

Washington, Oct 11.—The House of Representatives today ignored President Ford's veto threat and rejected a compromise to continue military aid to Turkey until December 15.

Tokyo call for freedom in Chile

Tokyo, Oct 11.—The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) ended its conference today after adopting nine resolutions including one calling for political freedom in Chile and another urging the withdrawal of Israeli troops from all Arab territories occupied since the 1967 Middle East war.

Egypt jails spy brothers

Cairo, Oct 11.—A military court has sentenced two Egyptian brothers to jail terms for spying for Israel, the Middle East News Agency said today.

Portuguese hope for links with China

Hongkong, Oct 11.—Portugal hopes that the decolonization of its overseas territories will pave the way for early establishment of diplomatic relations with China.

Brazilian MP sent to jail

Brasilia, Oct 11.—Senhor Francisco Pinto, a deputy of the opposition Brazilian Democratic Movement, has been jailed for six months for criticizing General Augusto Pinochet.

Crippled tanker Harriers grounded following two crashes

Port Elizabeth, Oct 11.—The 15,807-ton Liberian tanker Tekton, crippled yesterday in a collision with the South African coast, near Port Elizabeth, was taken under tow during the night by three trawlers, port officials said today.

Argentine officer shot dead

Buenos Aires, Oct 11.—An Argentine lieutenant was shot dead today in what appeared to be the latest incident in a reprisal campaign by left-wing guerrillas against the Army.

In Memory

1914-1918 1939-1945 Please help Sister Agnes's to assist all those who have had commissions in the Armed Forces, and their wives and widows, who are in need of hospital treatment, and enable us to maintain our low charges, still less than half those of most other hospitals.

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Ethiopian police 'shoot students'

Addis Ababa, Oct 11.—The police used tear gas in Addis Ababa today to disperse a student demonstration calling for the execution of the former Emperor Haile Selassie.

The Mafia calls the tune in New York discotheque

From Peter Strafford New York, Oct 11.—The problems of running a discotheque in New York, and of leading the attentions of the local Mafia, are set out in some detail in the New York Times. The paper carried an interview with Mr Shamsheer Wadud, a native of Bangladesh, who tried to open a discotheque last May and immediately ran into trouble.

Law Report October 11 1974

Time extended for arbitration under Kuwait contract. Final and binding. That was one of the important matters in the case of International Tank and Pipe SAK v Kuwait Aviation Fuelling Company KSC.

Monsieur Nadar

by Richard Holmes

positive the gold and doric of modern Horel Scribe, about 'ee minutes' walk under the trees from the Place de l'Opera, stands a crazed and glowing facade of factu...

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As night fell, and the streets swaying from their iron beds filled the thoroughfares...

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ctions. Was the photographer an artist, or a scientist? Would he destroy painting? Would his portraits somehow dehumanise nature...

The story of Nadar's early career is a reflection and to some extent an explanation of many of these issues. It is also a kind of comic-epic, continuously larger and more colourful than life...

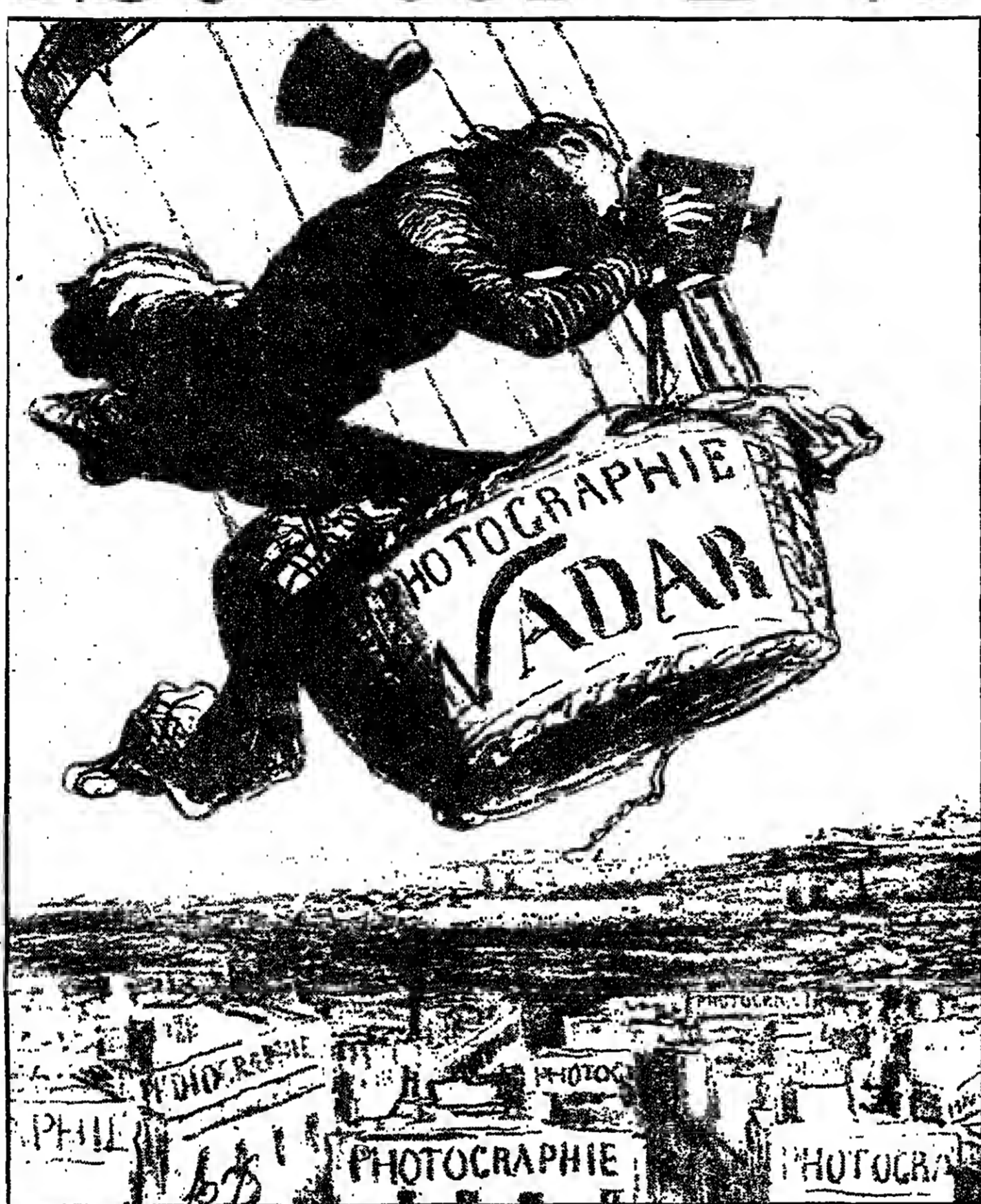
To fact Felix Nadar created himself. As he was born in 1820 he was merely Felix Tournachon, the eldest son of a provincial printer and publisher from Lyon...

Within a year Felix Tournachon had taken his mother and his brother back to Paris, his heart set on the grand conquest his father had attempted, but failed. He had no money...

A bewildering assortment of bad jobs and good contacts followed: stenographer, bookshop assistant, coal-seller, pipe-seller, cub reporter, private secretary, editorial hack...

Tournachon cut a remarkable figure in the narrow, cobble streets—huge, gangling, red-bearded, with long twitching fingers and staring humorous eyes...

By 1842, Tournachon had landed his first regular job, as



Left: Baudelaire photographed by Nadar in 1854 and 1862

Above: Daumier's 'Nadar' elevating la Photographie à la Hauteur de l'Art

Letters Editor on Le Courrier Parisiens, inspired by the rhetoric of the aging Lamartine and the exiled Mickiewicz. Nadar proudly showed his falsified Polish passport round the cafes: "Age 27 years, height 1.73 metres, hair rust red, eyes protruberant, complexion bilious..."

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ring, as a final detail, the increased reduction of the crutch of his already microscopic ear? Of Gautier, he wondered, "how can I travesty that oriental beauty, that Olympian serenity; and of Baudelaire, how one might trace the fantastic combination of 'strangeness and perfect sincerity' in that naive from the land of the Griffin and the Chimera?"

Nadar's files in the atelier now contained over 800 studies, including even interview notes and daguerotypes. From this massive repository of images, Nadar created—with Philippon's aid and advice—his first distinctive masterpiece, in 1854. This was his celebrated "Pantheon" Nadar, a vast single-sheet lithograph cartoon, showing a spiral cortege of over 240 contemporary writers and journalists, each minutely transformed into a jostling gargantuan of the creative spirit...

Nadar was now 34. He bought a house at 113 rue Saint-Lazare, married, and gave dinner parties for his Bohemian friends, many like him now distinguished. Meanwhile the decisive discovery of his ideal medium occurred almost unnoticed. A painter friend left a second-hand photographic apparatus in the corner of his atelier, 'Monsieur qu'on m'em...'

By 1854, with dazzling speed, he had temporarily transformed himself into "Nadar et Cie" to capitalize the business, and he won the grand médaille d'or for photography at the Brussels Exhibition that summer. A local battle with his younger brother, Adrien, finally won him in 1857, exclusive right to the "marque de fabrication" of Nadar. Significantly it was the first time in France that an artistic pseudonym had been dispensed as a commercial property.

Te the end of his life, Nadar always remained fascinated by the rapport between writers and the photographic image in calm old age. In 1900, he recalled how Balzac refused to be photographed, became a hostile from 500 thousand or so remaining glass and emulsion negatives, perhaps some 300 prints compose the chef d'oeuvre of the collection. For the most part these are of writers. They cover the arc of the nineteenth-century French literature: Baudelaire, Gautier, Nerval, de Banville, Lamartine, Hugo, Dumas père et fils, George Sand, Du Camp, Daubigny, Flaubert, Mérimée, Champfleury, the frères Goncourt, Sainte-Beuve, Michelet, Charles Philippon and Émile de Girardin, and literally scores and scores of others. But there are many musicians as well—Berlioz, Rossini, Offenbach, and painters—Delacroix, Courbet, Corot, Manet. There is also a set of Sarah Bernhardt, and a charming nude study of Henri Matisse's mistress, the original Musée of the Bohemian stories. It is in effect, a second "Pantheon Nadar", except of infinitely greater human penetration. The best photographic portraits should be, wrote Nadar, "ample like a Holbein".

Nadar's portraits in fact owed much to painting, especially Ingres (who in turn used Nadar's photographs for his own studio work). The monumental simplicity of their presentation, the subtle use of advancing and retreating shadow, and the build-up with the texture of a jacket, blouse or cape, to offset the flesh of face or hands, are all constant marks of Nadar's work. His best period, up to 1874, coincides with the use of the wet-plate collodion process: this rarely required poses of less than 20 seconds, and emphasized the sense of an intense, prolonged, revelatory gaze deep into the subject's psyche. After 1872-73, gelatine emulsion brought exposure times down to less than a second, and the subject could be "snapped" without his cooperative effort in the process of capturing and holding the fugitive image.

But it was Baudelaire who had led the most sustained attack on photography. In his scathing, *Salon* review of 1859, pressing home a diatribe against the void pointing taste for "realism", he had thundered prophetically: "A revealer of God has discovered the applications of the multiverse. His Messiah has abundance. Daguerre. And the portrait, said: 'Art is dead. Photography'. From this moment forth, our vile society, like some Narcissus, rushed to contemplate its own trivial image in the metal plate. A malaise, an extraordinary, deadly sense, these new worshippers of sunlight. And strange punishments were brought forth." It must have seemed ironic in retrospect. For Nadar's photographic series of Baudelaire between 1854 and 1862, is one of his most expressive documents available about the self-destructive force of the poet's own life. As it is also one of the triumphs of Nadar's art.

Before he died, Baudelaire did turn enshrined Nadar, the photographic witness of the even smother images from the late prose poems. In a vast poem of glowing embers, he saw Nadar with one collecting salvagers. Salamanders: those daring legendary sphinxes, who feed upon a flash of light, and flourish in the fiery heart of destruction. (Times Newspapers Ltd., 1974)











# Is there worse yet to come for the Tories?

# Little change on the roundabouts and swings

It was inescapable, I suppose—predictable consequence of the February folly. By going to the country last winter—wrong issue, wrong time—the Conservative Government not only accomplished its immediate defeat but compromised the party's future. Those Cabinet colleagues and other advisers who pressed Mr Heath to do it (he was at first reluctant) have much to answer for. But for that lamentable decision the Tories could still be in office with a good six months in hand. In short, a year has been thrown away—and there will be more to add.

The price is not yet fully paid. There are further instalments to come: a divided and possibly embittered party, a difficult and perhaps prolonged period in Opposition, a leader under fire if not finally broken. It is a sombre rally, a poor outlook for the Tories, and all the more dismal after Mr Heath's personal distinction in a trying and arduous campaign. In Mr Wilson he was, of course, up against a superior, adroit and experienced adversary holding all the advantages of office. Mr Wilson employed those advantages and his own formidable political talents to effect. It was a serious predicament to the many an engaging one, though his majority is far from matching his expectations. However much one may quarrel with some of his policies, it must be admitted that Mr

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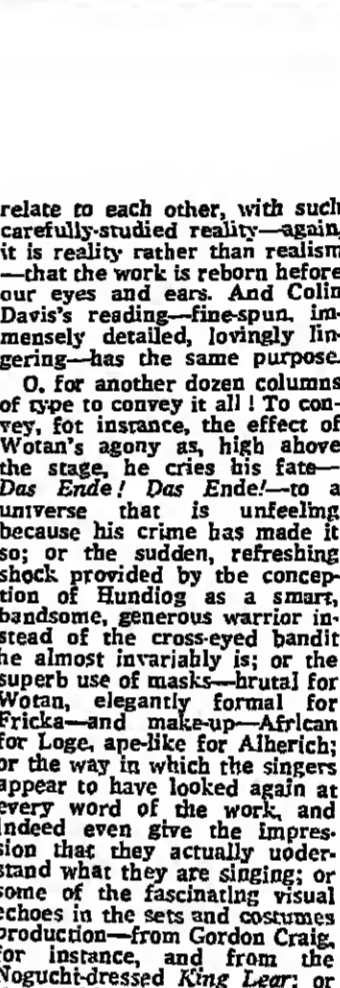
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The new Ring at Covent Garden, which has for so long been eagerly and fearfully awaited, and the first two instalments of which the Rheingold and Die Walküre were unveiled last week, replaces the one which had done duty since 1962, which in turn succeeded the one that we had had since 1954. More recently, we have had the Scottish Opera's version, and of course Glorious Nights at the Coliseum, but the Covent Garden production had been deteriorating badly, and was last given in 1971.

My anxiety was abundantly justified: for consider what turns upon this Ring. It will have to last at least a dozen years. It is a masterpiece of costuming, in all something like a quarter of a million pounds. There was more than reputation at stake that night; if the portents which foretold disaster were right, it would be a disaster from which recovery might never recover. Moreover, had I known, sitting there in the darkness, what I only learnt later, to wit that the opinion being expressed in the executive quarters of the building was that Bernard will affect it, my disquietude could only have increased.



By that I do not mean realistic. The staging is abstract—basically a huge rectangular platform which tilts and revolves with astonishing versatility (and without a sound), and on which a variety of blocks and shapes are used with immense skill and cunning: in Rheingold the platform even turns into a monstrous staircase, up which the gods march at the close towards the wonderfully rainbowed Valhalla, in the most profoundly affecting version of the entry into that fatally corrupted fortress that I have ever seen.

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There was also the great Lost Horizon, the plan for a Peter Hall/Colin Davis/John Bury version, which might have been the most important production of the cycle since Wagner directed it himself a century ago ("Six Harps, Herr Wagner?"), for these are men who have grown up entirely to the post-war world, and see it with clear eyes, unclouded by any tradition. But it was not to be. Mr Hall resigned from the post of Artistic Director about an hour and a half after being appointed to it, and the Ring was back to bar one.

Heavings and groanings were all that could then be heard from Bow Street for some time. It was said that prayers were being offered nightly, that necromancers had been consulted, that Mr John Tooley was seeking the advice of the composer himself through the good offices of Madame Zaza, the celebrated clairvoyant. At last, the words came: the new Ring producer was to be Herr Günter Friedrich, who steth, or at any rate sateeth, on the right hand of Felsenstein at the Komische Oper in East Berlin. ("East Berlin, Sir Claus?" "Er, yes, Mein Herr.")

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# Class warfare over text books

A determined battle is under way in West Virginia over one of the toughest subjects in American life—school text-books. Parents from some of the state's rural areas have suddenly risen up in revolt against books that they regard as anti-Christian and anti-American, and there has already been violence.

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Such as Eldridge Cleaver and Malcolm X. Such books, with their outspoken and often obscene language, have been attacked as anti-American.

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Members of the new House of Commons

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- B
Bagier, G. A. T. (Sunderland, South) (Lab)
Bain, Mrs M. (Dumfriesshire East) (C)

- C
Callaghan, J. (Middleton and Prestwich) (Lab)
Callaghan, L. J. (Cardiff, South-East) (Lab)

- D
Dalyell, T. (West Lothian) (Lab)
Davidson, A. (Accrington) (Lab)

- E
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Edelman, M. (Coventry, North-West) (Lab)

- F
Fairbairn, N. (Kinross and West Perthshire) (C)
Fairgrieve, R. (Aberdeenshire, West) (C)

- G
Galbraith, T. G. D. (Glasgow Hillhead) (Lab)
Galper, Sir M. (Glasgow, Shettleston) (Lab)

- H
Hall, Sir J. (Wycombe) (C)
Hall-Davis, A. G. F. (Morecambe and Lonsdale) (Lab)

- I
Irvine, Sir A. J. (Liverpool, Edge Hill) (Lab)
Irvine, B. G. (Rye) (Lab)

- J
Jackson, G. C. (Brighouse and Spanborough) (Lab)
Jackson, Miss M. M. (Lincoln) (Lab)

- K
Kaberry, Sir D. (Leeds, North-West) (C)
Kauffman, G. B. (Manchester, Ardwick) (Lab)

- L
Lambie, D. (Ayrshire, Central) (Lab)
Lamborn, H. G. (Southwark, Peckham) (Lab)

How the Nation Voted

Table with columns: M.P. No. of Candidates in brackets, Electorate, Total votes & turnout, Party, Party Votes, Percentages, Members and Candidates (Con, Lab, Lib, Comm, Plaid C, Others), and U KINGDOM totals.

- M
Mabon, Dr. J. D. (Greenock and Port Glasgow) (Lab & Co-op)

- N
Neave, A. M. S. (Abingdon) (C)
Neelson, R. A. (Chichester) (C)

- O
Oakes, G. J. (Widnes) (Lab)
Ogden, E. (Liverpool, West Derby) (Lab)

- P
Padley, W. E. (Ogmore) (Lab)
Page, J. A. (Barnet, West) (C)

- Q
Quarrier, J. (Greenwich, Woolwich East) (Lab)
Quarrier, Mrs B. A. (Blackburn) (Lab)

- R
Radice, C. H. (Chester-le-Street) (Lab)
Raison, T. H. F. (Aylesbury) (Lab)

- S
Sainsbury, T. (Hove) (C)
St John-Stevens, N. A. P. (Chelmsford) (C)

- T
Tapsell, P. H. B. (Horncastle) (C)
Taylor, E. M. (Glasgow, Cathcart) (C)

- U
Urwin, T. W. (Houghton-le-Spring) (Lab)

- V
Van Straubenzee, W. R. (Wokingham) (C)
Varley, E. G. (Chesterfield) (Lab)

- W
Wainwright, E. (Dearne Valley) (Lab)
Wainwright, R. S. (Culne Valley) (C)

- X
Xmas, R. (Barnsley) (Lab)
Yates, M. J. (Petersfield) (Lab)

- Y
Young, D. W. (Boltun, East) (Lab)
Young, Sir G. (Ealing, Acton) (Lab)

- Z
Zetter, J. (Leeds, West) (C)
Zetter, Mrs J. (Leeds, North-East) (C)

- A
Ablett, J. (Glasgow, North-East) (Lab)
Ablett, Mrs J. (Glasgow, North-East) (Lab)

- B
Bain, Mrs M. (Dumfriesshire East) (C)
Baker, K. W. (Cities of London and Westminster, City of Westminster, St Marylebone) (C)

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Callaghan, J. (Middleton and Prestwich) (Lab)
Callaghan, L. J. (Cardiff, South-East) (Lab)

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Kauffman, G. B. (Manchester, Ardwick) (Lab)

- L
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Lamborn, H. G. (Southwark, Peckham) (Lab)

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BRIDLETON
Electorate: 65,759 Feb: 65,282
Wood, R. (Lab) 21,902
Cherry, J. M. S. (L) 10,785
A. A. W. (Lab) 9,946
Day, F. (Nat Front) 987
C majority 11,106
NO CHANGE
Total vote 63,629. Turn-out 86.3%.

BRISTOL, North-West
Electorate: 66,381 Feb: 65,695
Thomas, R. R. (Lab) 22,156
McClure, D. E. (L) 12,522
David, E. (L) 8,914
Lab majority 633
LABOUR GAIN
Total vote 52,593. Turn-out 79.2%.

BROMLEY, Ravensbourne
Electorate: 48,541 Feb: 48,089
Root, J. D. (C) 18,318
McClure, D. E. (L) 9,813
Hovell, G. (L) 7,200
Stevens, I. (Nat Front) 574
C majority 8,505
NO CHANGE
Total vote 35,909. Turn-out 74.0%.

CAMDEN, Highborn and St Pancras
South
Electorate: 39,171 Feb: 38,988
Leary, M. W. (Lab) 11,790
Parslow, R. F. J. (C) 6,749
Lee, M. (L) 2,938
Lab majority 5,441
NO CHANGE
Total vote 21,077. Turn-out 53.6%.

CARDIFF, West
Electorate: 52,083 Feb: 51,626
Thomas, G. (Lab) 18,153
Dunn, W. N. (C) 11,481
James, R. M. (L) 4,669
Hughes, Dr. D. (PI Cymru) 2,008
Lab majority 6,672
NO CHANGE
Total vote 36,311. Turn-out 69.7%.

CARDIFF, North-West
Electorate: 43,787 Feb: 43,417
Roberts, M. H. A. (C) 15,652
Blewett, C. A. (Lab) 11,319
O'Brien, H. J. (L) 6,322
Fairley, C. P. (PI Cymru) 1,278
C majority 4,333
NO CHANGE
Total vote 34,571. Turn-out 78.9%.

CHELSEA, Kensington and Chelsea
Electorate: 60,042 Feb: 59,285
St John-Stevens, N. A. F. 26,334
Adey, J. G. (L) 14,711
C majority 4,002
NO CHANGE
Total vote 63,377. Turn-out 79.2%.

CHELSEA, Chelsea
Electorate: 68,350 Feb: 67,838
Radice, G. R. (Lab) 33,511
McClure, D. E. (L) 9,233
Dunbar, R. (C) 5,263
Lab majority 24,778
NO CHANGE
Total vote 51,012. Turn-out 74.6%.



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COLENE VALLEY Electorate: 60,774 Feb: 60,293... Mr Richard Walderlight won the seat for the Liberals in 1966...

COVENTRY, South-West Electorate: 57,841 Feb: 57,506... Mrs Audrey Wise, lecturer on political matters...

Dagenham, ssa Barking Electorate: 62,955 Feb: 62,414... Mr Edward Fletcher, elected in 1964, contested Middlesex...

DERBY, South Electorate: 74,342 Feb: 73,726... Mr Walter Johnson, staff training representative...

DEWSBURY Electorate: 61,506 Feb: 60,991... Mr David Ginsburg, elected in 1959, Market research consultant...

DORSET, West Electorate: 53,569 Feb: 53,116... Mr Hector Munro, Under Secretary for Health and Education...

DUMFRIES Electorate: 61,856 Feb: 61,304... Mr Hector Munro, Under Secretary for Health and Education...

CITIES OF LONDON AND WESTMINSTER, City of Westminster, St Marylebone... Electorate: 43,633 Feb: 43,472

CONSETT Electorate: 59,014 Feb: 58,622... Mr David Watkins was elected in 1966 to contest the seat in 1966...

CROSBY Electorate: 78,605 Feb: 77,822... Mr Sydney Irving held the seat from 1955 to 1970 and regained it in February, 1974...

DARTFORD Electorate: 57,038 Feb: 56,529... Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke, QC was elected in 1951, Under Secretary...

DERBYSHIRE, North-East Electorate: 53,739 Feb: 53,316... Mr Peter Rost, stockbroker, won the seat for the Conservatives in 1970...

DEWON, North Electorate: 93,604 Feb: 94,069... Mr Richard Kelly, a miners' union secretary for 10 years...

DEWON, South Electorate: 91,354 Feb: 91,732... Mr James Kildeffer was returned as Ulster Unionist in 1970...

DUNBARTONSHIRE, East Electorate: 61,788 Feb: 61,266... Mr Hugh McCartney, sales representative, was MP for Dunbartonshire, East, 1970-74...

CLEVELAND AND WHITBY Electorate: 60,674 Feb: 60,173... Mr Kenneth Baker, Parliamentary Secretary, Civil Service Department...

CONWAY Electorate: 51,730 Feb: 51,365... Mr Wynn Roberts, television executive and journalist, won the seat for the Conservatives in 1970...

CROYDON, Central Electorate: 66,746 Feb: 66,140... Mr Graham Page, Minister for Local Government and Development...

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CLITHEROE Electorate: 52,086 Feb: 51,567... Mr David Walder, assistant Government whip, 1973-74...

CORNWALL, North Electorate: 51,779 Feb: 51,376... Mr John Pardo, Liberal spokesman on economic affairs...

CROYDON, North-East Electorate: 68,388 Feb: 67,951... Mr Edward West, MP for Croydon, 1970-74...

DAVENTRY Electorate: 83,253 Feb: 82,335... Mr James Scott-Hopkins was elected by a by-election in 1967...

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Electorate: 53,763 Feb: 53,311
Labour: 19,649
Conservative: 1,700
Liberal: 3,700
Socialist: 2,995
Majority: 2,172

ER HAMLETS, Stepney...
Electorate: 60,458 Feb: 60,045
Labour: 24,159
Conservative: 3,183
Liberal: 3,181
Socialist: 617
Majority: 20,976

ER HAMLETS, Whitechapel...
Electorate: 71,992 Feb: 71,439
Labour: 22,449
Conservative: 2,085
Liberal: 11,606
Socialist: 384
Majority: 464

ER HAMLETS, Whitechapel...
Electorate: 76,449 Feb: 75,796
Labour: 24,510
Conservative: 2,139
Liberal: 10,893
Socialist: 3,121
Majority: 3,121

ER HAMLETS, Whitechapel...
Electorate: 81,899 Feb: 84,106
Labour: 25,522
Conservative: 2,885
Liberal: 8,091
Socialist: 4,667
Majority: 4,667

ER HAMLETS, Whitechapel...
Electorate: 86,635 Feb: 85,930
Labour: 25,616
Conservative: 2,804
Liberal: 12,806
Socialist: 4,702
Majority: 4,702

WALLASEY...
Electorate: 70,095 Feb: 69,352
Labour: 23,499
Conservative: 1,259
Liberal: 7,643
Socialist: 787
Majority: 1,970

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Electorate: 90,300 Feb: 89,399
Labour: 37,180
Conservative: 15,511
Liberal: 10,453
Socialist: 439
Majority: 21,269

WALLASEY...
Electorate: 71,523 Feb: 70,793
Labour: 28,340
Conservative: 12,455
Liberal: 6,377
Socialist: 465
Majority: 15,885

WALLASEY...
Electorate: 59,241 Feb: 58,775
Labour: 20,917
Conservative: 16,255
Liberal: 5,031
Socialist: 1,226
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WANDSWORTH, Battersea, North...
Electorate: 44,799 Feb: 44,502
Labour: 17,161
Conservative: 6,019
Liberal: 3,408
Socialist: 1,208
Majority: 102

WANDSWORTH, Battersea, South...
Electorate: 47,724 Feb: 46,448
Labour: 14,334
Conservative: 11,483
Liberal: 4,021
Socialist: 170
Majority: 2,851

WANDSWORTH, Putney...
Electorate: 66,501 Feb: 66,013
Labour: 21,611
Conservative: 15,836
Liberal: 4,125
Socialist: 133
Majority: 2,775

WANDSWORTH, Tooting...
Electorate: 53,793 Feb: 53,443
Labour: 19,530
Conservative: 10,675
Liberal: 4,644
Socialist: 268
Majority: 7,855

WANDSWORTH, Wandsworth...
Electorate: 57,530 Feb: 57,061
Labour: 21,268
Conservative: 12,858
Liberal: 4,664
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Socialist: 1,208
Majority: 102

WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON...
Electorate: 78,666 Feb: 77,993
Labour: 27,721
Conservative: 17,761
Liberal: 11,625
Socialist: 8,245
Majority: 8,245

WESTBURY...
Electorate: 72,392 Feb: 72,993
Labour: 24,172
Conservative: 18,129
Liberal: 15,613
Socialist: 6,843
Majority: 6,843

WIGAN...
Electorate: 56,915 Feb: 56,390
Labour: 18,827
Conservative: 5,548
Socialist: 1,920
Majority: 1,920

WIDVERHAMPTON, South-East...
Electorate: 55,882 Feb: 54,945
Labour: 19,468
Conservative: 9,768
Liberal: 3,636
Socialist: 1,703
Majority: 11,698

WREKIN, THE...
Electorate: 82,639 Feb: 81,955
Labour: 30,353
Conservative: 23,547
Liberal: 8,442
Socialist: 6,888
Majority: 6,888

WRENHAM...
Electorate: 76,106 Feb: 75,492
Labour: 28,545
Conservative: 12,319
Liberal: 12,223
Socialist: 2,879
Majority: 2,879



# After all the swings, will they gain on the roundabouts?

To them, it is just another day, and the future looks just about the same as it did yesterday. This time, however, we all knew that whichever way the pendulum was about to swing, the going in the future was likely to be tough.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 11: The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Commission of Rotten Dismalers, Moray, International Dismalers and Vintners Limited, Auchroisk, William Grant and Sons Limited, Glenfield Distillery, Banffshire, and Glenlivet Distillers Limited, Banffshire.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 11: The Duke of Kent, as President, this evening attended the 150th Anniversary Dinner given by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

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Luncheon
Pattenmakers' Company
The Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, Mr. R. Macdonald-Hall, entertained the President of the City Livery Club and masters and clerks of City livery companies at luncheon at the Watermans' Hall on October 8.

Dinner
Association of Supervisory and Executive Engineers
The annual dinner of the Association of Supervisory and Executive Engineers was held last night at the Connaught Rooms.

Service dinners
8th Gurkha Rifles
The 8th Gurkha Rifles regimental association held a dinner at the Naval and Military Club last night.

Forthcoming marriages
Captain K. L. Steel and Miss P. A. E. Watt
The engagement is announced between Captain K. L. Steel, of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, son of the late Mr. K. L. Steel, of Nairn, and Miss P. A. E. Watt, of Winton, Perthshire.

25 years ago
From The Times of Wednesday, October 12, 1949...
70 years at Lloyd's
Mr Charles A. Hewitt, who has been a member of Lloyd's since 1882, is the oldest active underwriting member...

Birthdays today
Professor F. G. Bruce, 64; Colonel Sir Richard Glyn, 67; Vice-Admiral Sir John Parker, 59; Sir Archibald Ross, 63; Sir Christopher Sommers, 54; Major Simon Whitbread, 70.

Dance
Order of St John for Devon
The Devon County St John Ball will be held last night at the Imperial Hotel, Torquay, under the patronage of Lord Roborough, president of the St John Council for Devon...

R.W.A.F.F. Officers' Association
The annual dinner of the Royal West African Frontier Force Officers' Association was held at the Army and Navy Club last night.

Reception
London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
The President of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sir Patrick Reilly, and the Minister for Economic and Commercial Affairs, Mr. William K. Miller, were hosts at a reception for delegates attending the first meeting of the Offshore Suppliers Information Centre at the American Embassy on Thursday evening.

Service receptions
Shrivensham Club
The annual reception of the Shrivensham Club was held yesterday evening at Stationers' Hall.

Marriages
Professor Dr D. Goehndis and Mrs F. Denton
The marriage took place quietly in London on Thursday, October 10, between Professor Daniel Goehndis and Mrs Pamela Denton.

Shrewsbury School
The new science building at Shrewsbury School is to be opened by Lord Adria, Chancellor of Cambridge University, this morning.

Latest appointments
Mr Stephen Tummie, vice-chairman of the National Deaf Children's Society, to be chairman in succession to Sir Paul Davis, who is retiring.

LITERATURE AND RELIGION-23

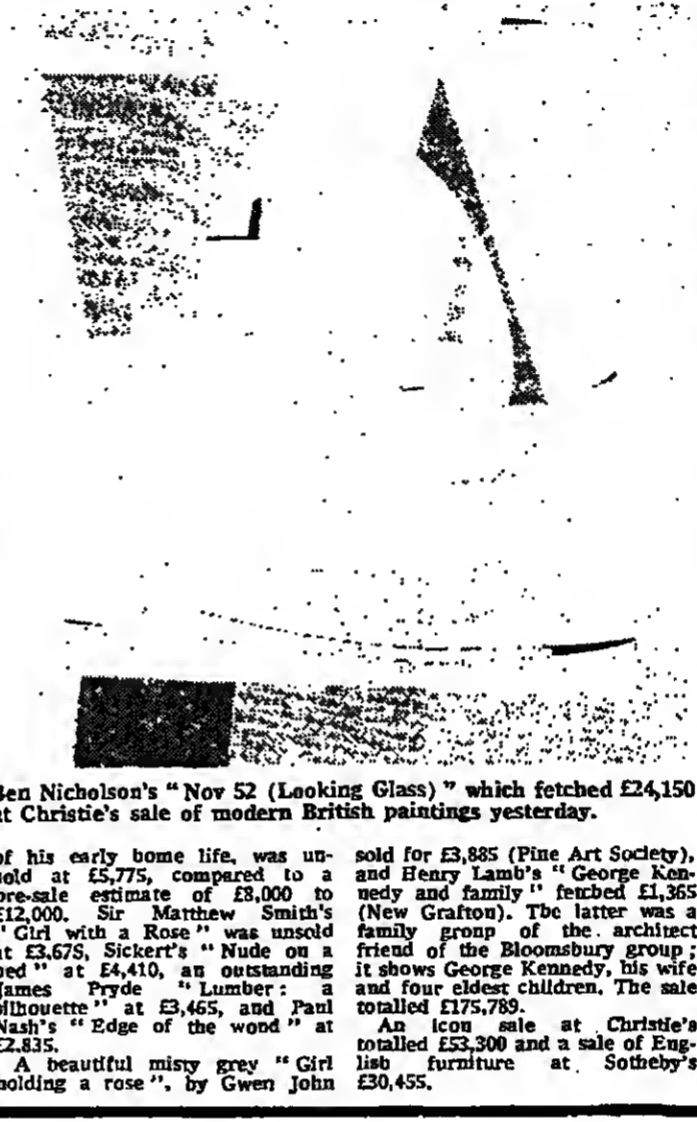
The sacred poem of heaven and earth

By Philip McNaught
Serena Professor of Italian, University of Birmingham
'Summa poetica' is a pretty comprehensive description of Dante's Divine Comedy, for in this spiritual encyclopedia we find the theologian's concept transmuted into the poet's image by the alchemy of art.

It begins with Dante straying in the dark wood of error, and ends one hundred cantos later with Dante in harmony with the Love that moves the sun and the other stars. In act after act of this drama of ideas, the theology is realized in people. What is it like to suffer from a bad conscience? To be damned? Saved? Sanctified? Dante pictures it all—himself, in his contemporaries, in the men and women of antiquity.

£24,150 paid for Ben Nicholson painting

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room, partially naked women and abstracts provided the main interest at Christie's sale of modern British paintings yesterday.



Ben Nicholson's 'Nov 52 (Looking Glass)' which fetched £24,150 at Christie's sale of modern British paintings yesterday.

DANTE

parts company with the Francisca of his age, which thrived on Christ-poetry. He seems deliberately to prefer to mediate between the two worlds through the Virgin Mary, in Paradise through Beatrice.

Latest wills
Latest estates include (net before tax) the late Mrs. E. W. Randall, Miss Minnie, of Rottingdean, Sussex, who became a leader of the divorcee and psychotherapy (duty paid, £10,848).

Science report

Genetics: Safer engineering technique

Dr Noreen and Dr Kenneth Murray, at Edinburgh University, have published the technical details of a genetic engineering system whose relative safety and commercial promise have already been recognized by at least one drug company.

OBITUARY

MARY GREY

A versatile actress
Mary Grey, the actress, who has died in her 97th year, is remembered for her witty versatility during the seasons in which her second husband, James Bernard Fagan, directed the Court Theatre. She was (1925) Madame Ranevsky in 'The Cherry Orchard' at Hammer Smith, most successful production to that time, of Chekhov in England.

MR DERMOT MORRAH
D. L. writes: There is one anecdote about Dermot Morrah which should find a place in The Times archive. I interviewed him for a TV documentary of your newspaper and after all the post-phenomena had been removed realized I had left my copy of the paper behind with a haemorrhoided crocodile in return to the flat. He reopened the door. I explained and, with a greatest courtesy, he conducted me to a search of his apartments which we had so rudely disrupted with lighting and sound men and cables and lights. We found a copy of 'The Times' but my I said, not my the crossword is blank. 'O be said, "take it, I've already done it but I never bother to fill it in."

MR MARIUS L. SCHAT

Mr Marius L. Schat, chairman and managing director of the Schat David Group of Companies of Britain, Holland and Germany, died at his home, Thurston, on Thursday, October 10, 1974. He was a pioneer in the construction and development of lifeboats launching equipment.

SIR FRANK WOOD

Sir Maurice Dean writes: As an old friend and colleague of Sir Frank Wood I would like to record my sincere sympathy to Douglas Allen's contribution to The Times of October 9. Sir Douglas says, Frank was first-rate administrator endowed with abundant common sense and a special, a non-conformist, style of speech and wit which cut through the world's difficult and dangerous days. Above all, he was a generous warm hearted colleague and a firm and delightful friend. May the public service long continue to recruit a hold such men as Frank.

MR KRISHNA MENON

Mr Arnold Haskell writes: I would like to add a brief postscript to the admiral's obituary of Krishna Menon, only disagreed with one word, "unfathomable"; I would have substituted "remote".

Lady Maxwell, widow Major-General Sir Aymer Maxwell, CBE, MC, died on Thursday. She was Isobel Frances daughter of Major-General Sir Aymer Maxwell and was born in 1895. Her husband died in 1971.

BUSINESS NOTICES

EXCELLENT INVESTMENT
A unique opportunity has arisen for an investor in a rapidly expanding company in the leisure industry. Present turnover in excess of £2 million p.a. Box No. 2553 D, The Times

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
Small private employment agency with moderate capital wishes to expand its personnel. Purchase of Association with similar business. Box 2553 D, THE TIMES

BUSINESSES FOR SALE
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WESTERN CANADA
Renowned real estate agent offers a rare opportunity to invest in a prime location in Western Canada. £50,000. Tel: 071-287 2177.

ART EXHIBITIONS also on page 8

- CIMPEL FILLS, 30 Davies St, W.1. Recent paintings.
HEIPER GALLERY, 69 Jermyn St. Between 10 and 11. Exhibition of paintings.
KAPLAN GALLERY, 6 Duke Street. Exhibition of paintings.

THE TIMES

Saturday Bazaar
see page 22
A large advertisement for the Saturday Bazaar featuring various goods and services.

Postal and Weekend Shopping

ALMOST HALF PRICE UNIVAC
The Door Store
A large advertisement for Univac vacuum cleaners and other household appliances.

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Enthusiasm takes Player to final

Peter Kyle Correspondent
Any player is in his sixth final...



Hale Irwin, in action at Wentworth yesterday, shows the ability that could win him the final.

any player is in his sixth final... His opponent today over holes will be Hale Irwin...

Jacklin's game against Oosterhuis... He came out not as a giant...

This was a transformation from the uninspired golf of the first round...

Two lovely iron shots drew Irwin ahead... A three-iron from the wrong side of the 13th fairway...

las the versatile poses problems of strategy

Rex Bellamy Correspondent
The men's singles programme in the 1974 tennis tournament...

Horse of the Year Show Broome makes a hit after a week of near misses

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris
David Broome, who has had so many near misses this week...

Three British defeats in Copenhagen

Copenhagen, Oct. 11.—The All-England and Asian Games champions...

Boxing Three British defeats in Copenhagen

Copenhagen, Oct. 11.—Tom Hogg, 30-year-old Danish light heavyweight...

FIFA president has no doubts about Argentina staging the World Cup

By Geoffrey Green Football Correspondent
Ever since Munich this summer there have been persistent whispers...

Tough games in knock-out competition

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent
Even without the help of Llanelli players who already have played against the Tongans...

Weekend fixtures

Table listing football fixtures for the weekend, including First division, Second division, and Scottish first division.

Boxing Three British defeats in Copenhagen

Copenhagen, Oct. 11.—The All-England and Asian Games champions...

Athletics Mrs Vernon loses her will to win and retires



Judy Vernon: a great favourite with the photographers.

By Neil Allen Athletics Correspondent
Mrs. Vernon, the Commonwealth Games champion...

Rugby Union

Table listing rugby union fixtures, including Second division, Scottish first division, and Rugby Union.

Boxing Three British defeats in Copenhagen

Copenhagen, Oct. 11.—The All-England and Asian Games champions...

SPORT  
Racing

Street Light is everyone's winner

By Michael Phillips  
Racing Correspondent

The good race meeting at Ascot today once again rests in the lap of the good horse, Street Light, who yesterday hit with only the skin of his teeth. Half the average yearly rainfall has fallen at Ascot during the past two months and obviously the turf cannot cope with much more. In an attempt to use the best ground the stalls will be placed on the far side of the straight course this afternoon. Yesterday they were positioned east to the rails nearest the stand.

Street Light is likely to be everyone's idea of the winner of the Bovis Stakes. Certainly she looks a hot act on the handicap with only 7s 12 lb. Street Light was given that weight after two rather disappointing efforts racing over a mile. Only when she reverted in sprinting at Newbury on September 20 did she reveal her true colours. She won the Marlborough Stakes by eight lengths, winning 1981 in the process. The conditions of today's race state that only the winner of a race worth £1,000 or more after September 11 is penalized. Street Light received weight from horses to whom she would have been giving weight as a two-year-old.

She was a pretty good filly last summer, better in my judgement than either Imper or Tackerton who finished third and fifth in the Portland Handicap at Doncaster. They will be meeting each other on the same terms this afternoon. In any case there is not much to choose between them judged on

the way they ran in the Finch Decanter Stakes at Ascot in June. It will be a great shame if today is lost because the Cornwallis Stakes, the Princess Royal Stakes and the Sandwich Stakes are all races to savour. Instead of riding Dabla in the Moo O'War Stakes at Belmont Park today Lester Piggott will be at Ascot to ride Rose Bowl for Mrs. Charles Engelhard in the Cornwallis Stakes. This is the filly who finished third in that very hot Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket 11 days ago. Fulke Johnson thought, her trainer, is of the opinion that she is none the worse for that escapade.

What is clear is that like so many of Ahlhat's progeny Rose Bowl is not in the least perturbed by testing conditions. Good News and Park Review seem likely to be more troublesome than Hill-andale, Larhill and Munim. Good News was training in a very another Cheveley Park rooster. Asterina, a stone when she was beaten by a length by her in the Scatoron Delevat Stakes at Newmarket. He had won four of his five previous races and one of those performances really stands out. At Ascot he will be meeting Street Light receiving weight from horses to whom she would have been giving weight as a two-year-old.

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Unlucky Val du Fier has an excellent chance

From Pierre Guillot  
Paris, October 11

Yes, Saint-Martin will ride Val du Fier, the French Widdenstein to the Grand Critérium at Longchamp tomorrow. This will be his first race since his triumph at Allez France last Sunday and only his second since his slight injury more than a fortnight ago. Val du Fier is the only maiden in the 11 horse field but he has been an unlucky loser in his two runs, both at Longchamp, and has an excellent chance tomorrow. His first outing was in the Prix de Footnoy, for untraced colts over this distance on September 15. Amalgam, Dabla's half-brother, was widely expected to win but managed only third place. Lester Piggott rode Olmeto, his mount again tomorrow, to two lengths victory over Val du Fier, but the latter was badly hampered by another runner, early in the straight and did not recover in time. He reappeared seven days later in a maiden race over eight furlongs and a half but again met interference before finishing fast to be beaten two noses by Malvado, another Piggott mount, and Tajalis.

In a difficult race I give the only filly, Nobiliary, slight preference over Val du Fier. After running green when third in her first race she won the Prix de Sablonville really on September 29. This was another 8 1/2 furlong maiden race but Nobiliary won without Piggott having to move. The daughter of Vaguely Noble is a half-sister to the top class Lyphard, winner of the Prix

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Ascot programme

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2.0 SANDWICH STAKES (2-y-o; £1,719; 7f)

2.30 PRINCESS ROYAL STAKES (2-y-o; £1,297; 1m 4f)

3.0 BOVIS STAKES (Handicap; £4,191; 5f)

3.35 CORNWALLIS STAKES (2-y-o; £3,130; 5f)

4.00 BUCKOUNDS STAKES (3-y-o Handicap; £1,365; 1m 4f)

4.40 PROCAS STAKES (Handicap; £1,437; 1m)

5.10 YOUNG ENTRY APPRENTICE STAKES (Handicap; £1,167; 2m 2f)

Ascot selections

3.35 CORNWALLIS STAKES (2-y-o; £3,130; 5f)

York programme

(Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races)

1.30 MARSTON MOOR STAKES (2-y-o; £1,669; 6f)

2.0 KIRKHAM HANDICAP (£1,065; 12m)

2.30 DRAGONARA HANDICAP (£2,536; 5f)

3.0 TOWNFIELD STAKES (Handicap; 2-y-o; £919; 5f)

Ascot results

1.21 NITRE STAKES (2-y-o; £1,167; 2m 2f)

Grand Critérium

GRAND CRITERIUM (Group I; £45,400; 2-y-o; 1m)

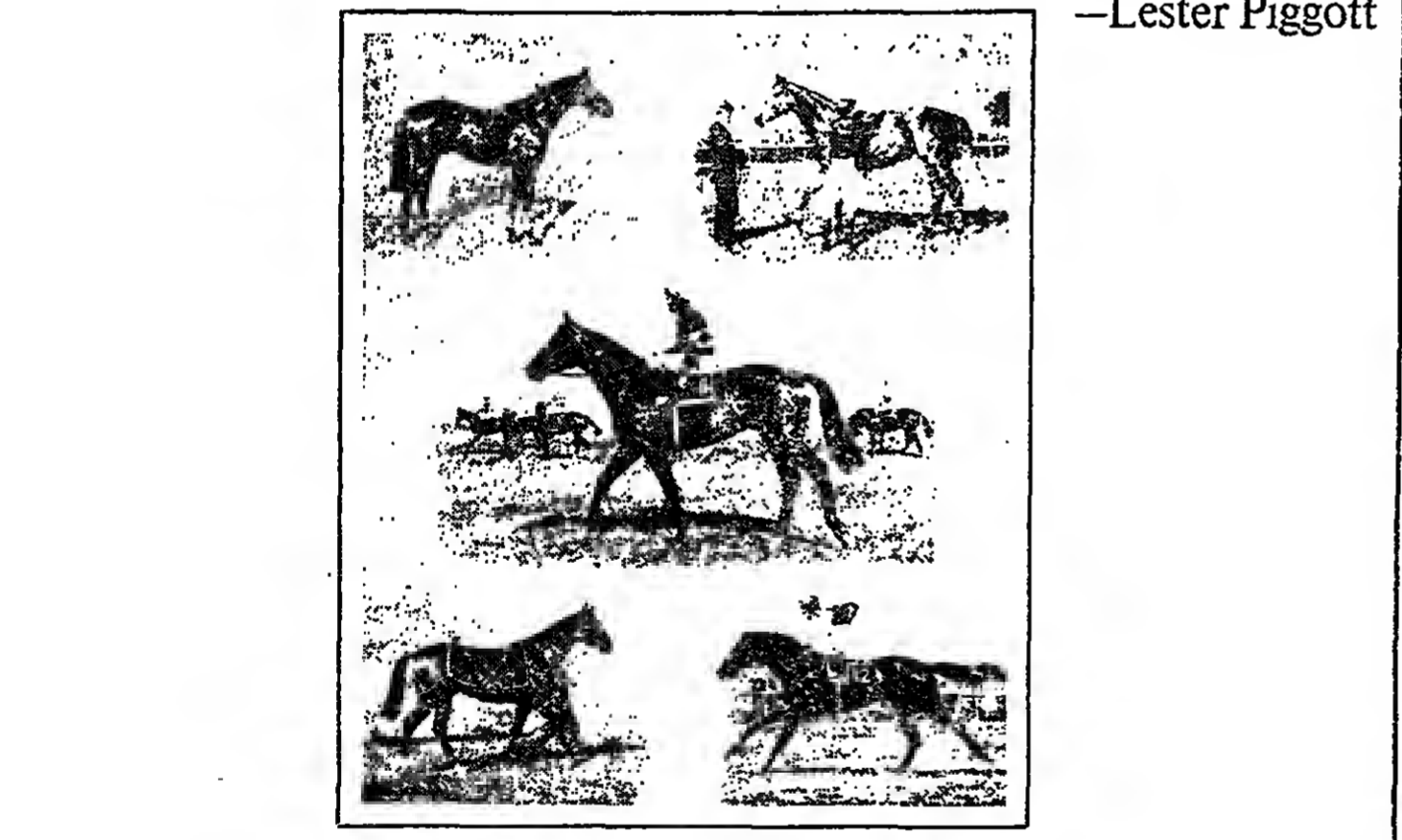
1.30 LEYBURN STAKES (2-y-o; £1,222; 1m)

4.0 STAMFORD BRIDGE STAKES (3-y-o maiden fillies; £1,100; 5f)

Ascot selections

ADVERTISMENT

"The Five Greatest I Ever Rode"



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Lester Piggott, after 20 years of riding Classic winners, has chosen an historic way to announce for the first time "The Five Greatest I Ever Rode."

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The artist and the jockey spent months creating the painting—both in America and Newmarket. Together they have created a masterpiece—the definitive statement on one of the most spectacular race-riding careers of all time.

SIR IVOR, the rich bay winner of the 1968 Guineas, Derby, and Washington International, stands in the centre—"The harvest horse I've ever ridden, with the fastest acceleration of them all."

CREPELLO, who won the wind-swept 1957 Derby with the mighty Ballinymore toiling behind him, stands regally in his stall—"A wonderful racehorse, I never had to ask him for anything. He just won by himself."

RHEINGOLD is shown pulling up after winning the 1973 Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe. Piggott says: "One brilliant victory rarely signifies greatness. But I don't believe I ever sat on the horse that would have beaten Rheingold on that particular day at Longchamp."

NIKANSKY, the 1970 Triple Crown winner, is painted walking in the early morning mist in Tipperary—"At his peak, Nikansky was terrific, and he will rightly be remembered as a very great racehorse."

PETITE ETBLUE, who's inimitably white while being unsaddled. He was originally commissioned to paint the Flying Grey filly by her owner, Prince Ali Khan, who died

Scots finish strongly on last day

Scottish trainers won three of the six races at Lanark's last meeting of the season yesterday. Aymer Nigel Angus had a 27 to 1 double with Love in May and Amber Flyer, and Tom Garrick's Duobair stable took a good old gamble. Duobair, trained by the late Gordon Macdonald, was the champion three-year-old, Marduk (Peter Renner) already 20 acceptor for the Washington DC Turf Club. Other British representatives are Frisbee (C. Starke), Horst Herbert (Joan Fall), Lord Udon (Hide), Madrozo (David Richards), My Brief (Harro Remmer), Sinclair (Hans Hinwart), Tanchost (Terzy Fedaszewski) and Toscanini (Jose Oribe).

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1.45 PREMIER STEEPLECHASE (E1,228; 2m 4f)

2.15 HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,640; 2m)

2.45 JOAN MACKAY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap; £1,625; 3m 110yd)

3.15 HANDICAP HURDLE (E355; 2m)

3.45 DEYON and Exeter NH programme

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS



Mr Wilson likely to have early talks with industry on cash problems

Our Industrial Staff
British industry was yesterday preparing for what is expected to be an early and sensitive series of consultations with the strengthened Government...

Industry had to be able to earn more, retaining funds to meet and head off a worsening of their position in the early months of next year.
A November Budget from the Chancellor could be about right, giving recognition in Whitehall of the position, he said.

Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the AUEW, who will be a key figure in winning new support for the social contract, said he wanted employers to be involved. This would meet reservations he had had from the outset because employers must make a contribution.
TUC representatives will be joining the CBI and other interests in Mr Wilson's consultations, expected to begin on Monday or Tuesday.

Shares take ballot decision calmly
By Our Financial Staff
On the London stock market, both gilt-edged securities and equities responded fairly calmly to the reaction of the Labour Government, with the narrowness of Labour's lead confirming the views taken in the City on the eve of the poll.

Canadian ship group doubles stake in Manchester Liners
By Our Financial Editor
There was a new twist last night in the bizarre circumstances surrounding the future of Manchester Liners, an important North Atlantic container operator.

Leading US business optimism on growth rate
From Frank Vogel
Our United States Economics Correspondent
Hot Springs, Oct 11
American business leaders today forecast flat gross national product development from now to the end of the first half of 1975...

Societies' net receipts at £138m high for year
By Margaret Stone
Building societies had their best month this year in September when net receipts totalled £138m, the highest figure since last July's record of £225.3m.

Slater interests bid £2.1m for Ritblat company
By Christopher Wilkins
Lubok Investments, the company in which Mr Jim Slater and his associates last month acquired a 50 per cent stake, is making a £2.1m agreed bid for Investments in the West.

September trade gap 57m wider
Jim Congdon
Britain's September trade deficit at £378m, announced yesterday by the Department of Trade, came very close to the generally expected annual and foreign exchange balance. Although a deterioration of £57m compared to the August month, the figures are considered satisfactory...

Aircraft makers look for 'breathing space'
By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
Britain's aircraft manufacturing industry has been given 'breathing space' by the return of a Labour Government with only a small working majority, according to the Society of British Aerospace Companies yesterday.

CBI may urge Swedish-style taxing of stocks
By Malcolm Brown
Industrial leaders are expected to press the Chancellor of the Exchequer to adopt the Swedish method of taxing stock transfers for tax purposes, in an urgent effort to ease the liquidity situation of industry.

Sterling advances in strong demand
Sterling enjoyed strong demand on the foreign exchange market yesterday, following the pre-election nervousness which weakened sterling in the week. It rose by 3 cent against the dollar, to close at \$2.3330.

Manufacturers boosted output in summer, but mining production stays at 1973 levels
By Melvyn Westlake
Output from Britain's manufacturing industries appears to have risen quite strongly during the summer and fully regained the level of last autumn, before the energy crisis.

Hill Samuel suit 'not yet filed'
Frankfurt, Oct 11—A spokesman for the West German Federal Bank's legal department said today that it had not officially been informed of any suit Hill Samuel was reported to be filing against it at a Frankfurt court.

Drug import move
Ravizza, an Italian drug group, is to start legal proceedings on Monday which may enable it to import into the United Kingdom a near-equivalent of Valium, one of the two tranquillizers involved in the drug pricing battle between Switzerland's Hoffmann-La Roche and the British Government.

UK TRADE
Member trade figures, seasonally adjusted and corrected on a basis of payments basis with once for known recording, as released yesterday by department of Trade.

Table with 3 columns: Month, All Industries, Mining. Rows include 1972 Q1-Q4, 1973 Q1-Q4, 1974 Q1-Q2, and Jan-Aug.

Shortfall of 20 pc in nitrogen fertilizers seen
By Hugh Clayton
Farmers were given a warning yesterday of a 20 per cent deficit in Britain this year of nitrogen fertilizer nutrients.

How the markets moved
The Times index: 74.18 - 0.41
FT index: 190.9 - 4.5

Table titled 'THE POUND' showing exchange rates for various countries like Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, and West Germany.

US retail sales drop
United States retail sales declined by 1.3 per cent, affected partly by the motor vehicle recession, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

Guinness expansion
Guinness yesterday announced a major expansion to its Malaysian brewery at Kuala Lumpur. The £2.5m expansion programme will double capacity to about 250,000 barrels a year.

Table titled 'On other pages' showing Bank Base Rates Table and Unit Trusts: Lawson High Yield Fund.

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Advertisement for Hill Samuel with text 'FREE. The booklet that explains the best way to protect yourself against inflation.' Includes contact details for D. G. Hals, Hambro Life Assurance Ltd.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

Now that the election is over, normal service will be resumed as soon as possible in the drafting and passing of laws...

Unit trusts

TSB group—in tandem with the bank managers

Most unit trust management groups are now operating on at least a break-even level between sales and expenses...



Brian Brown, general manager of the TSB unit trust group...

The same spirit of progress is also characterizing the unit trust and life assurance side...

—a surplus of monthly income, an ability to save and so on—applying. After the initial letter of introduction...

Taxation

So, you haven't paid the taxman...

If you want to be cheered up this weekend this is not the article for you...

In the case of married couples it is the husband's obligation to declare his wife's income unless they are preparing separate tax returns...

case. Such matters are extremely technical and need careful handling. Anyone who is being pressed by the tax office about non-disclosure of income would be wise to seek professional advice.

Election round-up

Green light for a package of policies

Mortgages

Hopes of the four million house buyers in this country that their mortgage interest rate would be reduced to 9 1/2 per cent before Christmas have been dashed by the outcome of the election...

Although the announcement was not included in the Labour manifesto, it has been made clear that the proposal to limit tax relief to basic rate tax only was a firm commitment...

Pensions

Mr Wilson may well now have no alternative but to introduce a Bill as soon as possible to implement the White Paper proposals on pensions as put forward by Mrs Castle...

Life assurance

For months the life assurance industry has been in a state of limbo. There were many announcements in the March Budget to take effect from that date...

There will be a drawback of tax relief if a new regular premium policy is surrendered, partially surrendered or made paid up within the first four years.

Other plans include the phasing out of the married women's option to pay a reduced contribution, a situation which at the moment leads to all married women getting inferior benefits.

Gold coin prices

Gold has substantially increased in popularity with both private and professional investors. Keep pace with this trend...

Pensions

Opening the fund books to all

The Occupational Pensions Board is collecting views which should be submitted by October 16 on three important topics relating to occupational pension schemes...

guide to good practice in this respect, prepared in consultation with a number of organizations which have extensive practical experience in the management of occupational pension schemes...

After all, no company would wish to invite adverse publicity by being seen to run its pension scheme on unproved lines.

Unit trust performance

Table with columns for Unit Trust Name, Growth, and Socialist Index. Lists various trusts like New Court Int, S & P European, etc.

Vera Di Palma

Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitfinder, 20 Finsbury Square, London, EC2.



EDITED BY MARGARET STONE

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

After the election why retailers are so worried

After the election why retailers are so worried... The relatively calm in the stock market...



Sir Marcus Sieff, chairman of Marks & Spencer: soaring costs of expansion.

...a growing threat of a world wide recession, with rising unemployment in the United Kingdom as a starter, is too real to permit hopes of a return to market days...

...showing signs of accelerating. Nevertheless, despite a volume gain that could be considered good even by the standards of the 1971-72 consumer boom...

Companies that manage volume growth are just managing to maintain their pre-tax profits. But the majority, who are expecting static or shrinking volume, could show falls of about 25 per cent in profits...

On the other hand some followers of the sector are speculating that there could be a recovery in the stock market in the next few months...

...Retailers have made much of the fact that lower retained profits, either actual or relative to their increased costs, are curbing expansion...

...problems facing retailers strongly to the fore again when Marks & Spencer announced an interim statement...

...Marks, which appears to have outdone other multiples over the period, demonstrated a similar pattern...

...It should be remembered that most of the results we have seen so far have been from mail order companies...

...The retailers' gross margin is the cash difference between the buying price of stocks and the percentage margin by which it is marked up before sale...

...The fine first-half results stood Stothert & Pitt in good stead during the leaner part of its year...

...The interim results excluded the worst effects of the three-day week and continued the much-improved trend in sales, margins, and profits...

...The offer by Investments of Kuwait for the St Martins Property Corporation has become unconditional with acceptances from 94.4 per cent of the shares...

Margins decline in Stothert & Pitt's second-half downturn

The fine first-half results stood Stothert & Pitt in good stead during the leaner part of its year. Although taxable profits have risen from £751,000 to £760,000, the second half produced a £242,000 of this, against £555,000 a year ago...

St Martins accept Kuwait

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Expanding Leboff set fair

Evidently heading for another record year, on the strength of its mid-year results, the board of S. Leboff (Fobel) says that it is investigating a number of takeover proposals and expects to announce soon further acquisitions...

For the whole of 1973, profits rose from £73,000 to over £1m and this has been followed by a year with a profit of £430,000 to £538,000 in the six months to June 30...

Turnover grew steadily over the half year, and the trend appears to have improved during the past few weeks. The dividend is up from equal to 0.48p to 0.57p.

been sent out by National Freight Corporation. Meanwhile, Tarzan has increased its loss for the half year, from £75,000 to £147,000, and the board is forecasting a further increase...

The receiver and manager of Laras (Sumatra) Rubber Estates has completed all outstanding matters and been discharged. A second and final distribution of about £7.73 per share will be made to holders on or after October 16...

With its interim taxable profits falling from £168,000 to £42,000, on turnover of £1.95m (against £1.89m) the board of Kenkast considers it prudent to leave consideration of an interim dividend until the full year's results are in...

No dividend by Scots TV as mid-year profits dive

A serious decline in advertising revenue in the March quarter lies behind a collapse in profits of Scottish Television for the half year to June 30. The pre-tax profit was only £58,600 compared with £778,000 a year earlier...

There was a gradual improvement after Easter, and in the second quarter revenue was approaching the 1973 level. This modest improvement was maintained during the summer, but prospects for the inflow in the autumn remain dim.

Garford-Lilley Derby-based general engineering Garford-Lilley report taxable profits up 18 per cent to £228,000 for the year to March 31. Earnings came out at 1.57p (1.2p) a share and the dividend is raised from 0.78p to 0.82p.

Stock markets Property shares wilt

The stock market stood up manfully to the prospect of a fresh Labour Government, although property shares ran into a fresh bout of losses. Industrial and consumer shares were under pressure at midday, but it appeared to reflect City fears that the afternoon would bring news of disastrous trade figures for September.

When the deficit proved somewhat below the worst predictions, share prices rallied, new-time buyers putting in a welcome appearance. The FT index closed 4.5 off at 190.9, after 188.2 and The Times index shed 0.1 to 74.18.

Property shares rapidly extended the losses chalked up over the week. Specially weak spots included Stock Conversion 12p off at 56p, Metropolitan Estates (6p down to 79p) and Great Portland (7p down to 18p). Sales were heavy but in the absence of buyers there was no hope of a rally yesterday in this sector.

Banking and finance shares took a beating, at first but closed above the lowest. One cause for the early upset was the rumour of an impending statement from First National Finance Corporation, which ended 11p off at 7p.

putting Barclays at 133p and National Westminster banking at 123p. A dull feature of the merchant banks was Slater Walker Securities which slipped another 6p to 60p. Among three-purchase issues, United Dominions Trust (20p) and Mercantile Credit (25p) closed lower. But ICI, finally a net 3p off at 158p, had rallied from 154p, and similar paths were traced by Unilever (6p off at 166p), Courtaulds (2p off at 68p) and Glass—results due next week—(4p off at 194p).

An active feature again was Manchester Liners which dipped to 107p at first on profit-taking, but soared to a nominal 150p-160p, to line up with the price to be offered next week for further shares by the consortium.

Food shares, too, reacted after an initial rise when Thursday's sellers bought stock to cover their selling commitments. But final losses in Cavenhams (58p), Belem Group (75p) and many others were light. British Sugar continued on the downward trend on recent reports of a reduced beet crop this year.

Losses in the major lending banks, reduced in the final rally, still extended to around 8p each, still extended to around 8p each, still extended to around 8p each.

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company (and par value), Dividend, Yield, etc. Includes Beaufort Group (10p) Int 1.28, Brit East Seas (50p) S 1.83, Brunel Eng (10p) Int 0.89, etc.

Dr Wallersteiner ousted

The protracted campaign to remove Dr K. Wallersteiner from the board of Hartley Baird is over. At a board meeting yesterday Dr Wallersteiner, who was chairman and has a controlling interest in the company, was removed from the board.

been acquired by Dr Wallersteiner and his mother. In December, after a stormy annual meeting, a concerted effort to remove Dr Wallersteiner and others failed after the chairman had called for a poll on each resolution. In its last reported half year to October 31 the group made a trading loss of £50,000, against a profit of £77,000. Shortages of raw materials in the plastics division were said to be the main cause of the deficit.

Briefly

HEADLAM SIMS Investment manager of Headlam Sims reports interim sales up from £588,000 to £1.1m. Profits £80,000 (£57,000). Earnings a share 2.49p (1.89p).

BRIT EMPIRE & GEN TRUST For year to September 30 net revenue after tax £120,000 (£105,000) and earnings 0.59p (0.52p) a share. Total dividend 0.73p (0.6p).

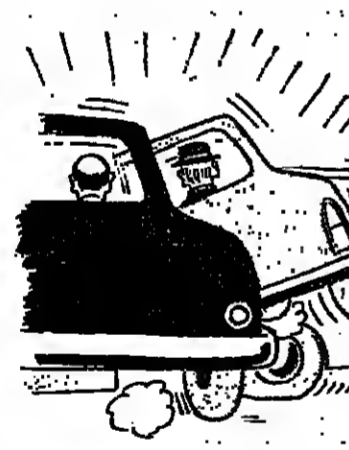
TARTAN MACAUL First half turnover £1.63m and taxable profit £73,000. No comparisons because of reconstruction of group last year. Group will wait for full year accounts before re-stating application.

ADWEST GROUP Current year has started with record order book, 26 per cent up on same period in first two months profits and sales also up. Though full-time outcome necessarily influenced by economic situation, second half should match previous 12 months' outcome.

BEAUFORT GROUP In half to June 30 profit was £36,000 (£161,000) made up of £42,000 loss in first quarter and £78,000 profit in second. Shortages of raw materials in plastics division were said to be the main cause of the deficit.

Insurance aims can be costly

Public is becoming much more conscious of insurance aims can be costly... The relatively calm in the stock market...



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"Clearly, liability insurance is needed for this kind of eventuality."

Trading loss by Zenith Carb

Sir George Farmer, chairman of Zenith Carburetor, which is French controlled, gave a warning in his annual report that the group had been hard hit by the oil price crisis. Results for the half-year to June 30 show a trading loss of £127,000 against a profit of £60,000.

To offset this exceptional items of £29,000 are credited, plus dividends from investments of £59,000 (£82,000) and deposits of £70,000 (£51,000) making a pre-tax profit of £100,000.

TARTAN ARROW The offer of 55p for each 8 per cent preference share of Tartan Arrow Services, has now been accepted.

Wall Street

New York, Oct. 11.—On the New York stock exchange today, the booming advance of the previous two sessions was interrupted by profit-taking in the afternoon. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was 1.49 points lower at 646.53.

Silver drops 16c

New York, Oct. 10.—SILVER prices dropped 16c to 67 1/2c on the London market today. The price of silver fell from 83 1/2c to 67 1/2c.

SOVEREIGNS

Overnight business in the gold market was slow and uneventful. The price of gold fell from \$378.00 to \$376.00.

GRAINS

WHEAT closed higher at 5 1/2c on the Chicago market today. The price of wheat rose from 5 1/4c to 5 1/2c.

Table of stock prices including Allied Chem, Am. Airlines, Am. Broad, etc. Columns show stock names, prices, and changes.

Advertisement for Lawson High Yield Fund. Features a large '10%' graphic and text: 'A brand new unit trust from an experienced team of Scottish investment managers... Offered until Friday October 18th 1974'.

John Drummond

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

SUGAR.—During late-afternoon dealings yesterday the market was again bid-up to the limits in line with a smaller movement in New York where sediment was fuelled by speculation that Brazil will be withdrawn from the world market until 1975 due to an over-crop position. At the close, values were £9.50 to £14.25 higher on balance and sales totalled 4,004 tons. The London daily price was unchanged at £85 a long ton.

Foreign Exchange

The pound claimed the limelight on foreign exchanges yesterday, rebounding from Thursday's marked weakness to end 75 points up at \$2,330, after \$2,350-70 at one stage. The prospect of a year or two of stable Government following six months of uncertainty helped the pound, and the upturn owed much to 'covering' by speculators.

The Times Share Indices

Table showing share indices for various sectors including All-Share, Industrial, and Financial. Includes columns for index value and change.

Discount market

The Bank of England yesterday lifted a small shortage in the market by buying Treasury bills totalling less than £200 million from discount houses. A net take-up of Treasury bills, the usual Friday outflow of notes, and some maturing commercial bills held by the central authority. It was drained money from the market.

Spot Position of Sterling

Table showing spot position of sterling for various currencies including US Dollar, Swiss Franc, and others.

Forward Levels

Table showing forward levels for various currencies including US Dollar, Swiss Franc, and others.

Money Market Rates

Table showing money market rates for various instruments including Treasury Bills, Bank of England Bills, and others.

Recent Issues

Table showing recent issues for various companies including Anglo-Siam, Anglo-American, and others.

\$230m funding for Ekofisk

A \$230 million loan to finance the construction of oil and gas pipelines from the Ekofisk field and the building of some onshore facilities has been arranged through a syndicate of banks. The loan, which is being made to Norpipe, a Norwegian company in which Den Norske Stat Oljeselskap has a 50 per cent interest, has been led managed by First National City Bank and Societe Generale de Banque of Brussels.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table showing Eurobond prices for various maturities and currencies.

These are the banks which...

These are the banks which have arranged the \$230 million loan for Ekofisk. Includes names like First National City Bank, Societe Generale de Banque, etc.

Offshore and International Funds

Table showing offshore and international funds with columns for fund name, high/low, and other details.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Large table listing authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds. Columns include fund name, high/low, and other financial details.

UK cocoa grindings down in third quarter

United Kingdom cocoa bean grindings in the third quarter of this year fell to 21,100 long tons, against 27,500 tons in the first quarter and 27,800 in the second. Ministry of Agriculture figures showed yesterday.

'Substantial EEC sugar imports needed'

The EEC will need to import sugar on a substantial scale and it may be expected that urgent consideration will shortly be given to the problem of securing adequate supplies. C. Zarnikow Ltd says in its latest report. Even if large purchases are eventually made from Australia, the EEC faces an acute sugar shortage and will continue to do so until the arrival of the 1975 crop, says. It stresses that earlier official estimates of production will not be reached to several EEC countries.

Law Society's qualifying examination results—Part 1

Table listing Law Society's qualifying examination results for Part 1, including names of candidates and their marks.

Bank Base Rates advertisement listing various banks and their interest rates for different types of deposits.

Solicitors' Examination Residential Crash Courses advertisement and Holborn Law Tutors advertisement.



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Stock Exchange Prices

Post election weakness

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin Monday. Dealings End Oct 25. Contango Day, Oct 28. Settlement Day, Nov 5. § Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.



Main table containing stock exchange prices for various categories including ITISH FUNDS, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL, MINES, INSURANCE, INVESTMENT TRUSTS, OIL, PROPERTY, REIGN STOCKS, LAR STOCKS, KS AND DISCOUNTS, WERIES AND DISTILLERIES, and FINANCIAL TRUSTS. Each entry includes company names, prices, and other financial data.



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A major international company...

WANTED
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MASERATI BORA 4.7
LITRE
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ASTON MARTIN DBS 70
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ROLLS-ROYCE Silver Shadow, April
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SMART EDUCATED WOMAN
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ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY
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ADVERTISING AGENCIES

To order an advertisement in any of these agencies call 01-837 3311

Table listing advertising agencies and their services, including 'Appointments Vacant', 'Business Meetings', 'Conferences', 'Educational', 'Industrial', 'Medical', etc.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS... PRE-UNIVERSITY... See Pre-University under Services...

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 13,814

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbered squares.

ACROSS... 1 When time stood still at Grantchester (3, 2, 5). 2 Popular complaint is the same in Latin, to poetry (8). 3 Oriental tax is partly reversed - brings us to another story (8). 4 Grease a letter from the heart, say (5). 5 Socially on top, but in the middle (5-3). 6 Country that's half-Germic after a life (7). 7 Person loses his head about me at a poet (7). 8 Attraction of the French building material in the beginning (10). 9 River's projections (4). 10 Attraction of the French building material in the beginning (10).

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